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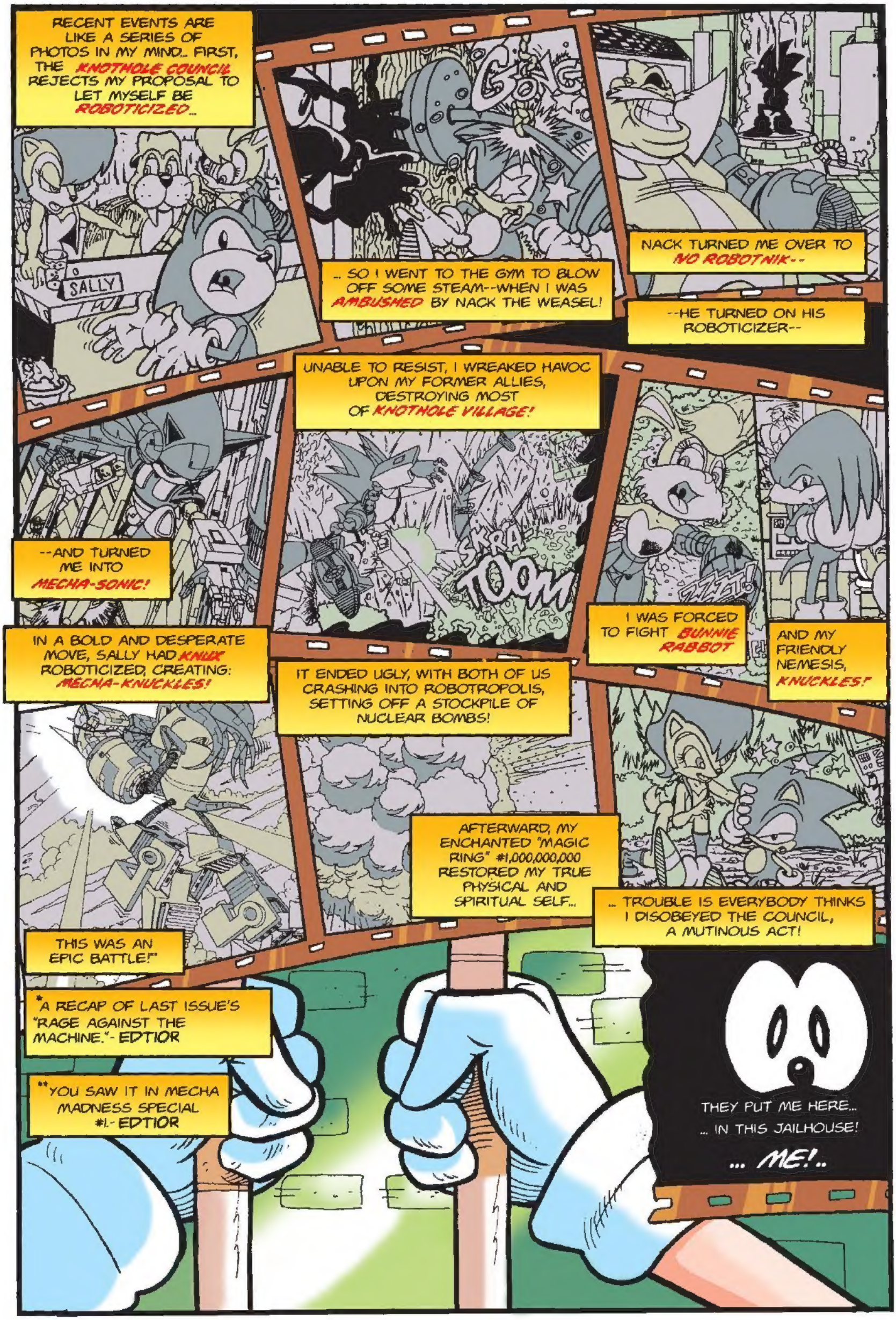
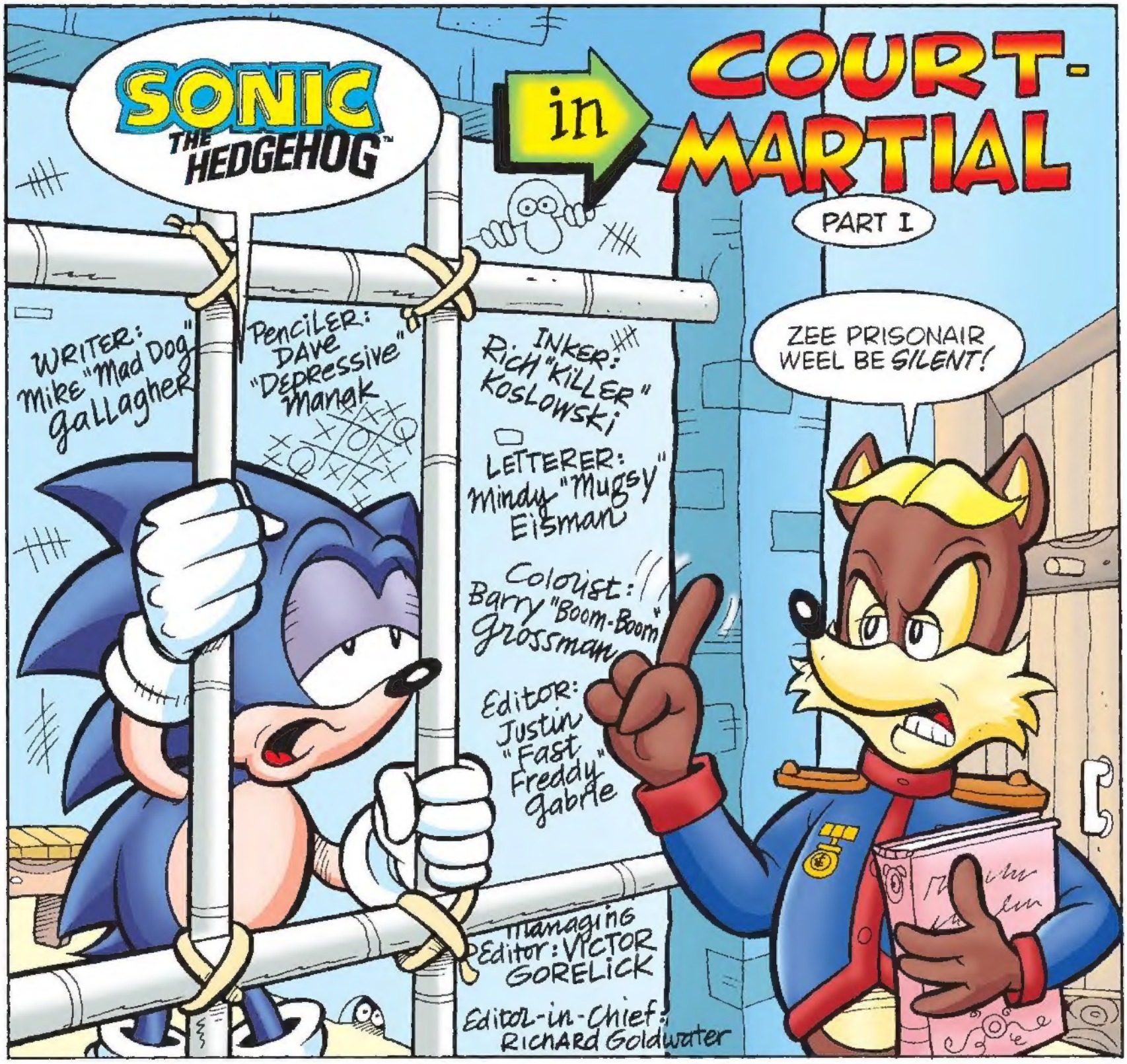

RECENT EVENTS ARE LIKE A SERIES OF PHOTOS IN MY MIND... FIRST, THE KNOTHOLE COUNCIL REJECTS MY PROPOSAL TO LET MYSELF BE ROBOTICIZED...
SALLY
... SO I WENT TO THE GYM TO BLOW OFF SOME STEAM--WHEN I WAS AMBUSHED BY NACK THE WEASEL!
NACK TURNED ME OVER TO NO ROBOTNIK--
--HE TURNED ON HIS ROBOTICIZER--
UNABLE TO RESIST, I WREAKED HAVOC UPON MY FORMER ALLIES, DESTROYING MOST OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!
--AND TURNED ME INTO MECHA-SONIC!
SKRA TOOM
I WAS FORCED TO FIGHT BUNNIE RABBOT
AND MY FRIENDLY NEMESIS, KNUCKLES!
IN A BOLD AND DESPERATE MOVE, SALLY HAD KNUX ROBOTICIZED, CREATING: MECHA-KNUCKLES!
IT ENDED UGLY, WITH BOTH OF US CRASHING INTO ROBOTROPOLIS, SETTING OFF A STOCKPILE OF NUCLEAR BOMBS!
AFTERWARD, MY ENCHANTED "MAGIC RING" #1,000,000,000 RESTORED MY TRUE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL SELF...
... TROUBLE IS EVERYBODY THINKS I DISOBEYED THE COUNCIL, A MUTINOUS ACT!
THIS WAS AN EPIC BATTLE!"
*A RECAP OF LAST ISSUE'S "RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE."- EDTIOR
**YOU SAW IT IN MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL #1.- EDTIOR
THEY PUT ME HERE...
... IN THIS JAILHOUSE!
... ME!..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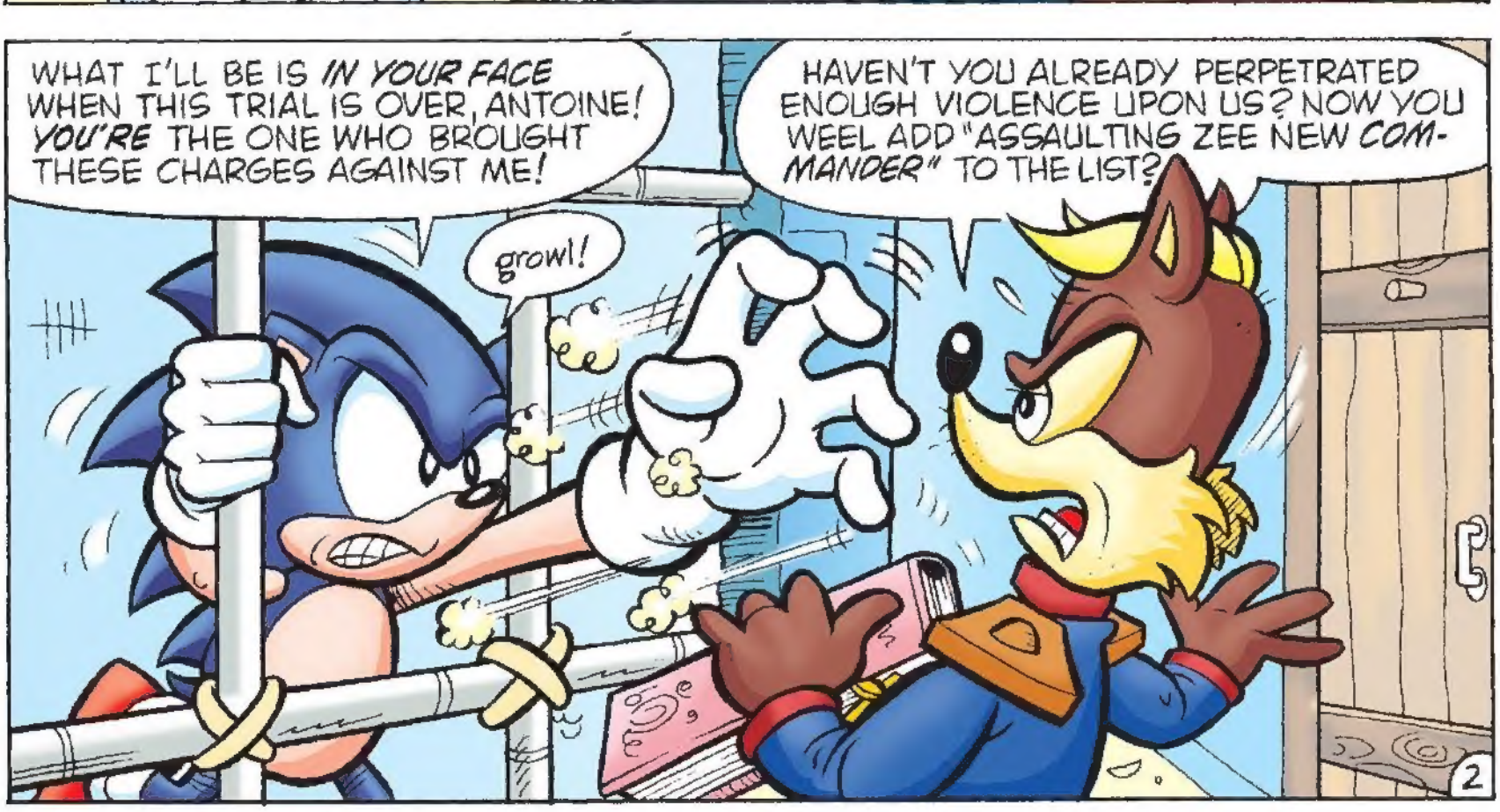
ZEE PRISONAIR WEEL BE SILENT!

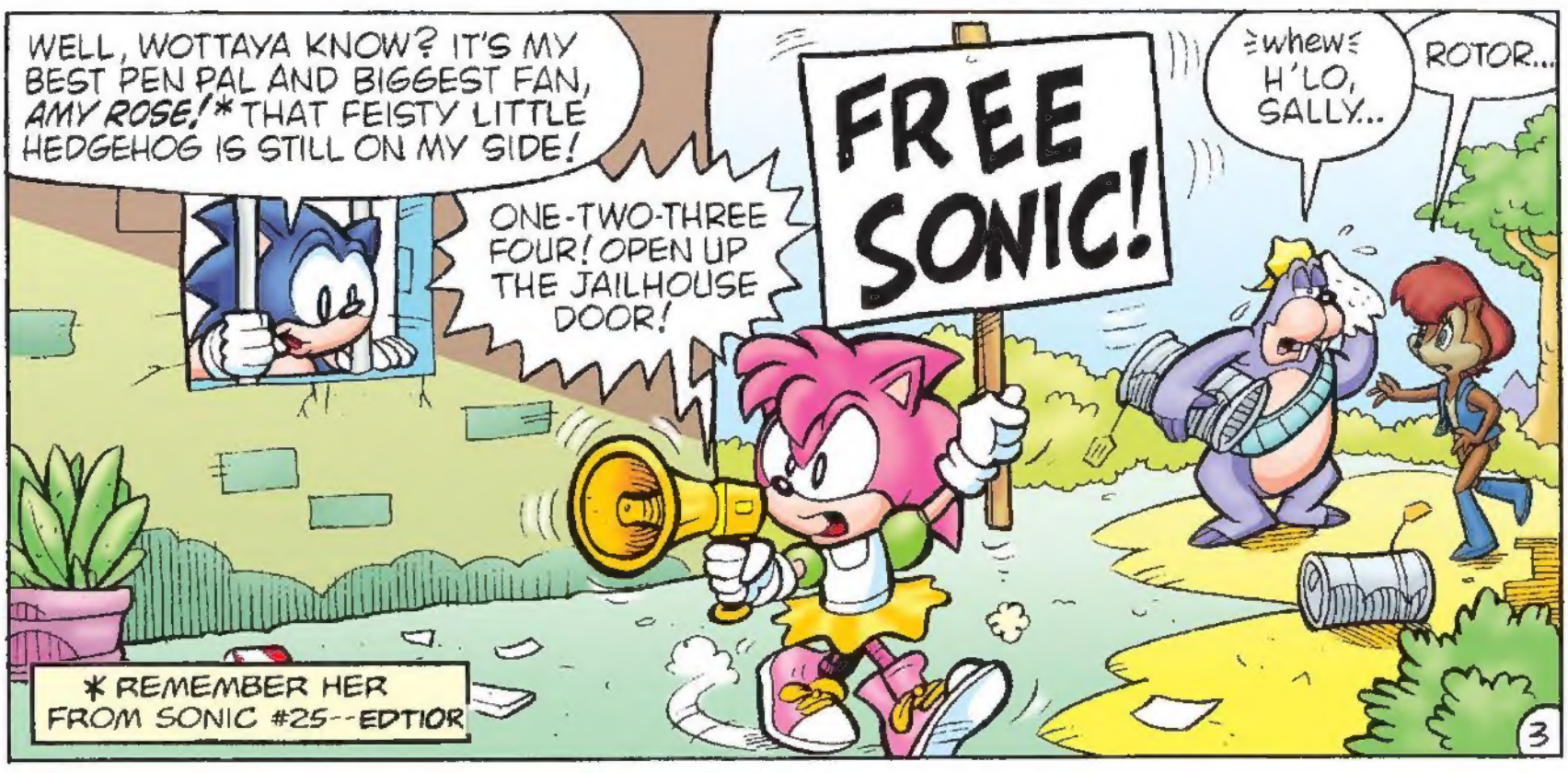

WHAT I'LL BE IS IN YOUR FACE WHEN THIS TRIAL IS OVER, ANTOINE! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THESE CHARGES AGAINST ME!
HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY PERPETRATED ENOUGH VIOLENCE UPON US? NOW YOU WEEL ADD "ASSAULTING ZEE NEW COMMANDER" TO THE LIST?
growl!

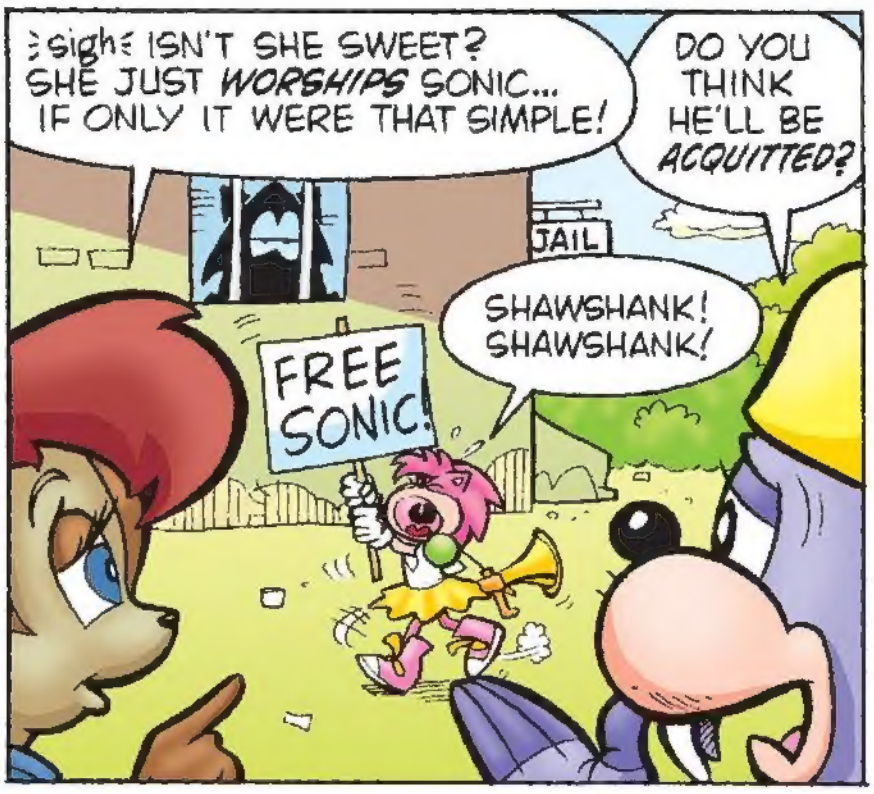
COMMANDER? HA YOU'RE ONLY IN CHARGE BECAUSE EVERYONE IMPORTANT IS HELPING TO REBUILD KNOTHOLE!
I AGREED TO DO THIS SALLY'S WAY AND NOT TRY TO ESCAPE...YOU'RE JUST A BABY-SITTER!
QUIET!
I HAVE ZEE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF ALL...

PLANNING ZEE PARADE HONORING MY CORONATION! EEF YOU'LL EXCUSE-MOI, I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WEETH ZEE CATERER!
SLAP!
The Perfect Party by Martha Shrewart

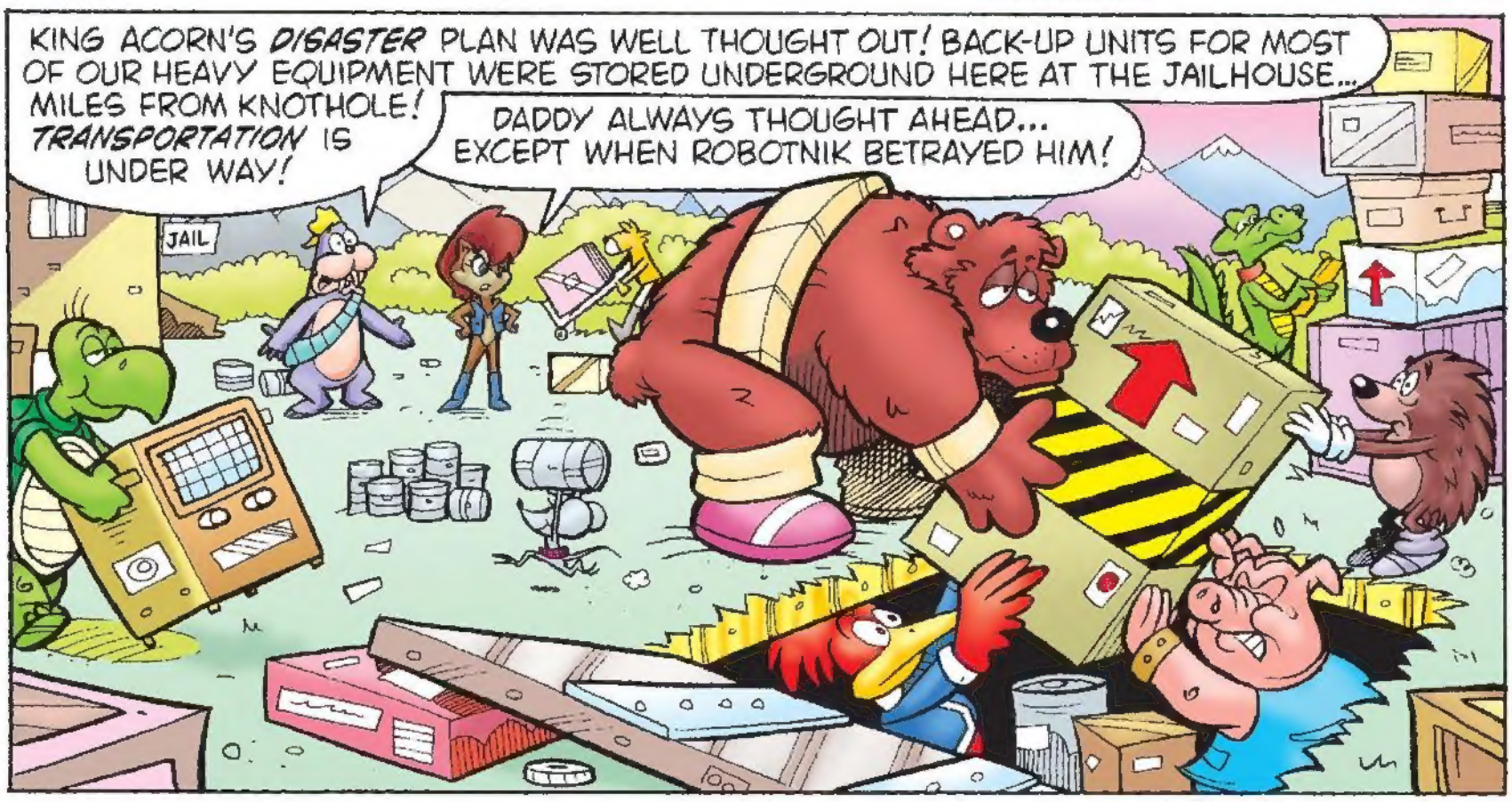
SHEESH! JUST WHEN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE EXPOSED AND VULNERABLE TO ATTACK BY ROBOTNIK, "COMMANDER" ANTOINE IS PICKING OUT TABLE SETTINGS!
I SHOULD BE OUT THERE HELPING, BUT I'M STUCK HERE...LIKE A VILLAIN!

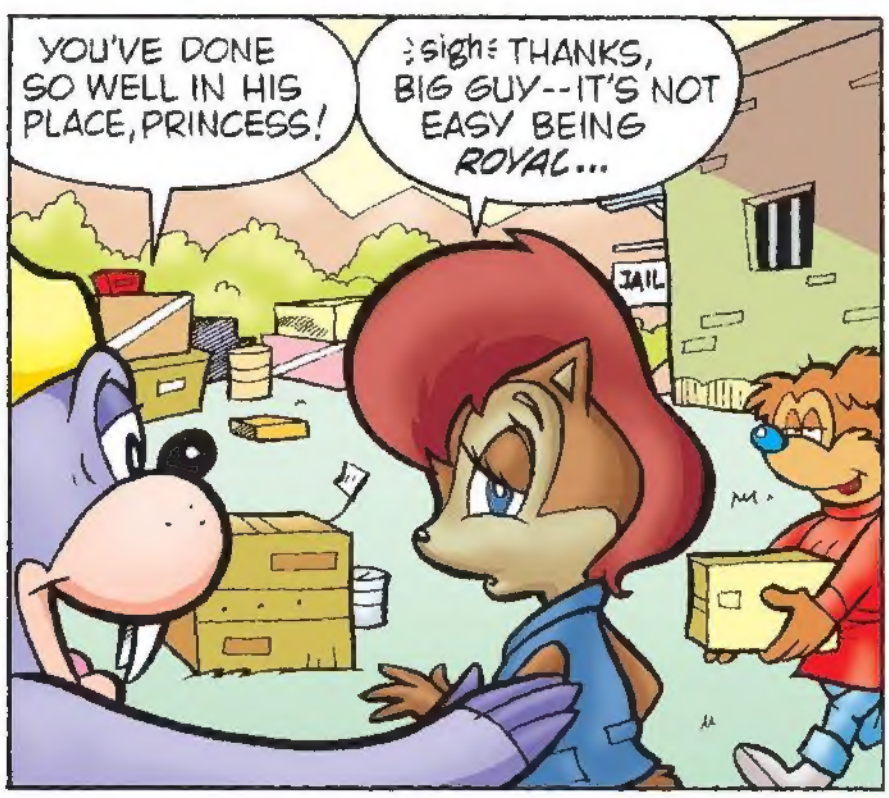
SONIC IS NO VILLAIN! SALLY SHOULD BE CHILLIN'! SONIC IS NO VILLAIN! SALLY SHOULD BE CHILLIN'!
HUH?
ERT!


WELL, WOTTAYA KNOW? IT'S MY BEST PEN PAL AND BIGGEST FAN, AMY ROSE!* THAT FEISTY LITTLE HEDGEHOG IS STILL ON MY SIDE!
ONE-TWO-THREE FOUR! OPEN UP THE JAILHOUSE DOOR!
FREE SONIC!
whew
H'LO, SALLY...
ROTOR...
* REMEMBER HER FROM SONIC #25--EDTIOR

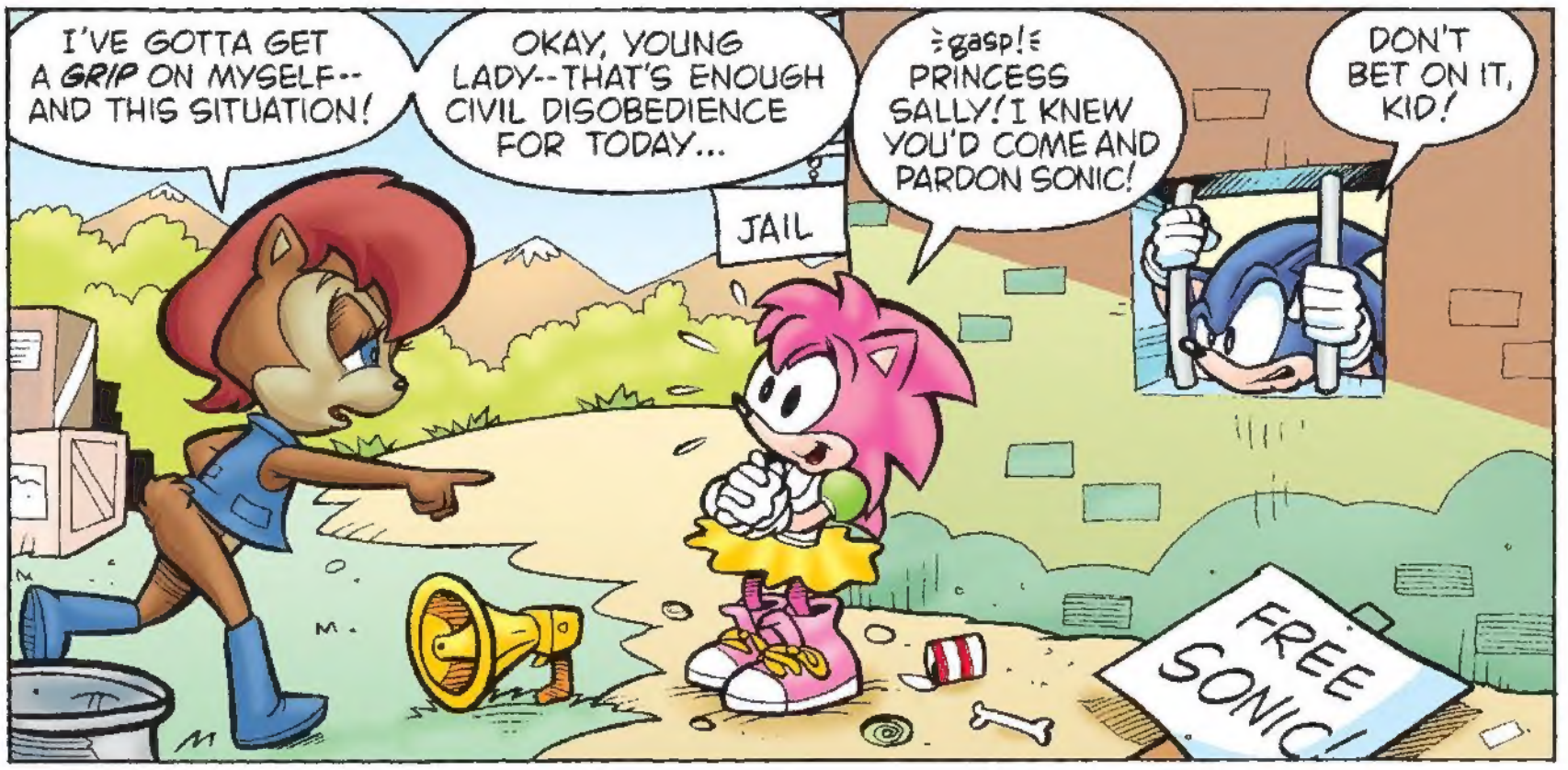

:sigh: ISN'T SHE SWEET? SHE JUST *WORSHIPS* SONIC... IF ONLY IT WERE THAT SIMPLE!
DO YOU THINK HE'LL BE *ACQUITTED?*
JAIL
FREE SONIC!
SHAWSHANK! SHAWSHANK!

YOU KNOW I *CAN'T* DISCUSS THAT, ROTOR! GIVE ME THE *UPDATE* ON RECONSTRUCTION!
YES'M, YOUR MAJESTY!
Salute!

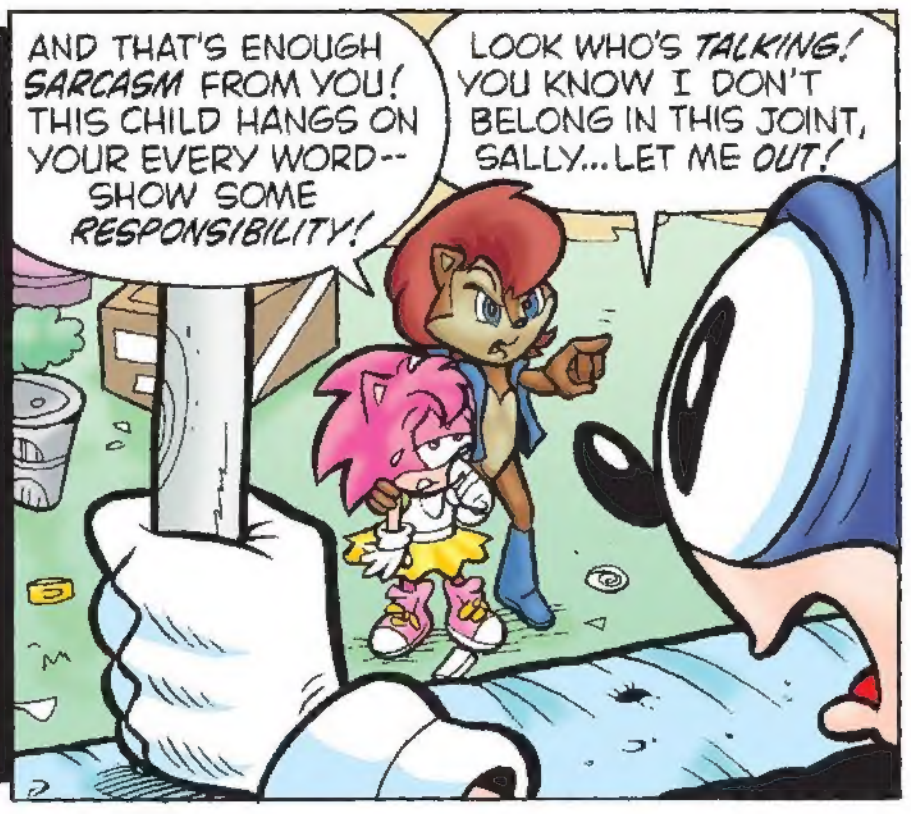

KING ACORN'S *DISASTER* PLAN WAS WELL THOUGHT OUT! BACK-UP UNITS FOR MOST OF OUR HEAVY EQUIPMENT WERE STORED UNDERGROUND HERE AT THE JAILHOUSE... MILES FROM KNOTHOLE! *TRANSPORTATION* IS UNDER WAY!
DADDY ALWAYS THOUGHT AHEAD... EXCEPT WHEN ROBOTNIK BETRAYED HIM!
JAIL

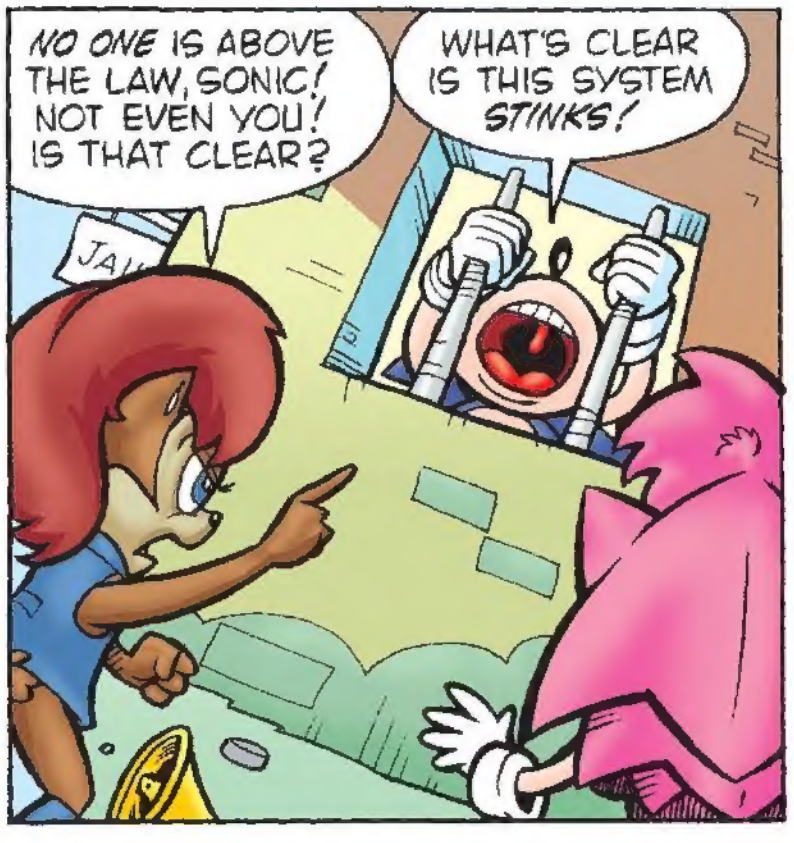

YOU'VE DONE SO WELL IN HIS PLACE, PRINCESS!
:sigh: THANKS, BIG GUY--IT'S NOT EASY BEING *ROYAL*...
JAIL

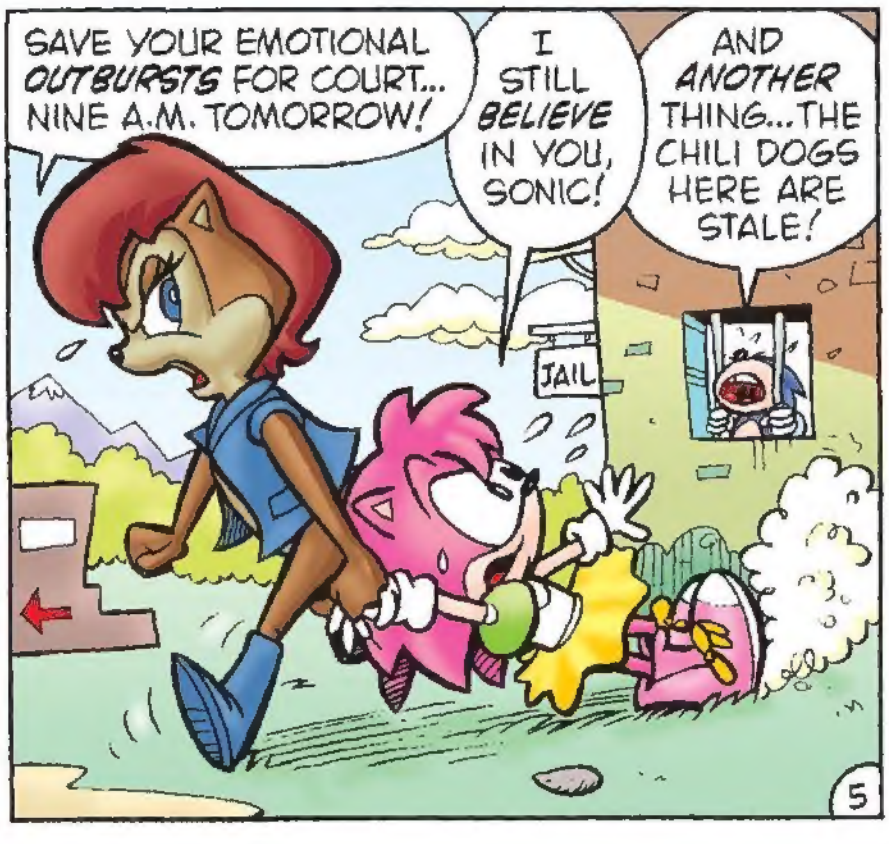
...ESPECIALLY WHEN THE STRICT BY-LAWS MAKE YOU COURT-MARTIAL *THE ONE BOY* YOU :choke: TRULY... uh- EXCUSE ME, ROTOR...
OF COURSE...


I'VE GOTTA GET A GRIP ON MYSELF-- AND THIS SITUATION!
OKAY, YOUNG LADY--THAT'S ENOUGH CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE FOR TODAY...
JAIL
gasp! PRINCESS SALLY! I KNEW YOU'D COME AND PARDON SONIC!
DON'T BET ON IT, KID!
FREE SONIC!

I'M AFRAID NOT, AMY ROSE! THERE ARE VERY SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST SONIC...
huck B-BUT... sniffle
TOLJA... QUEEN TAKES PAWN-- CHECK-MATE!


AND THAT'S ENOUGH SARCASM FROM YOU! THIS CHILD HANGS ON YOUR EVERY WORD-- SHOW SOME RESPONSIBILITY!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING! YOU KNOW I DON'T BELONG IN THIS JOINT, SALLY...LET ME OUT!


NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW, SONIC! NOT EVEN YOU! IS THAT CLEAR?
WHAT'S CLEAR IS THIS SYSTEM STINKS!


SAVE YOUR EMOTIONAL OUTBURSTS FOR COURT... NINE A.M. TOMORROW!
I STILL BELIEVE IN YOU, SONIC!
AND ANOTHER THING...THE CHILI DOGS HERE ARE STALE!
JAIL

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN COURT-MARTIAL PART II

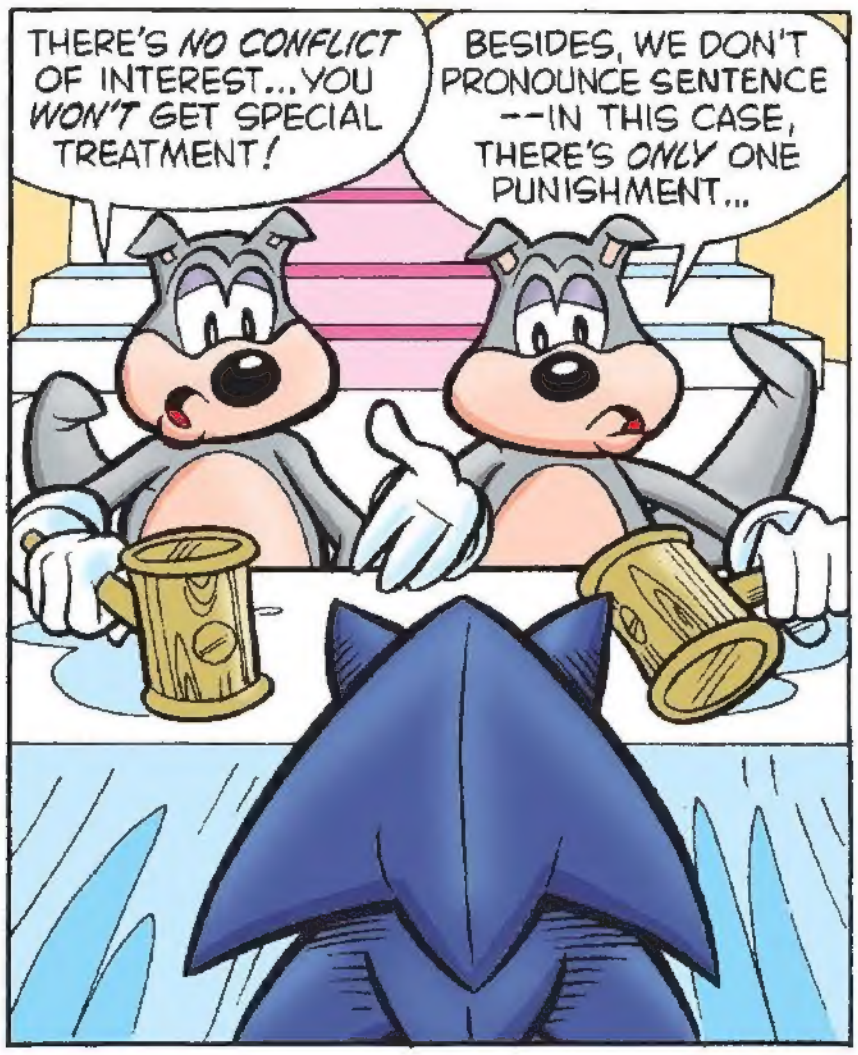
YOU ARE *CHARGED* WITH TREASON!

WE, THE KANGAROO COURT JUDGES, WILL DECIDE IF YOU ARE *GUILTY!*

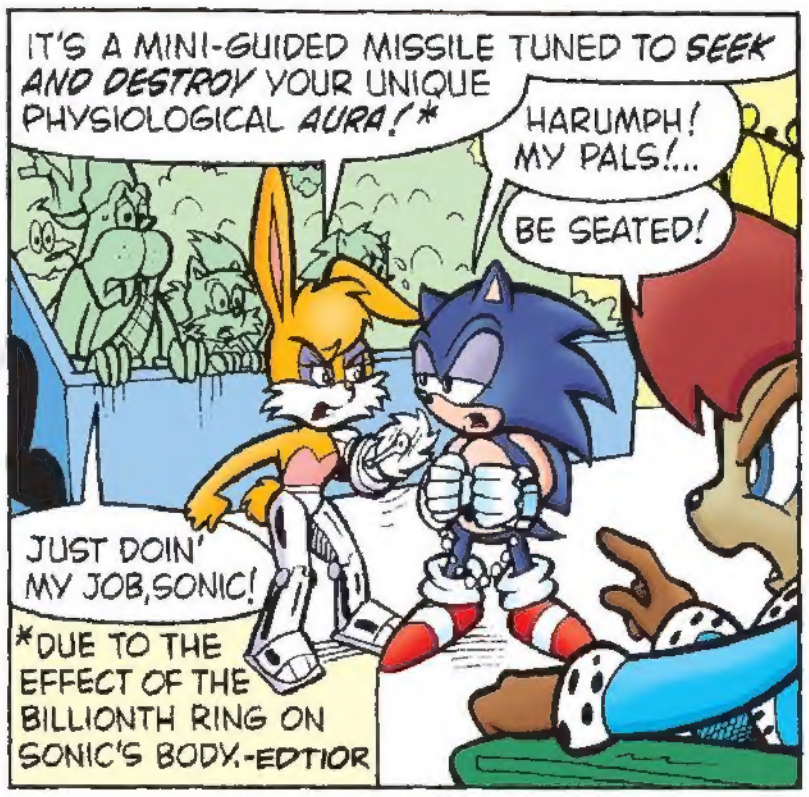
AND *I* WEEL PROSECUTE!

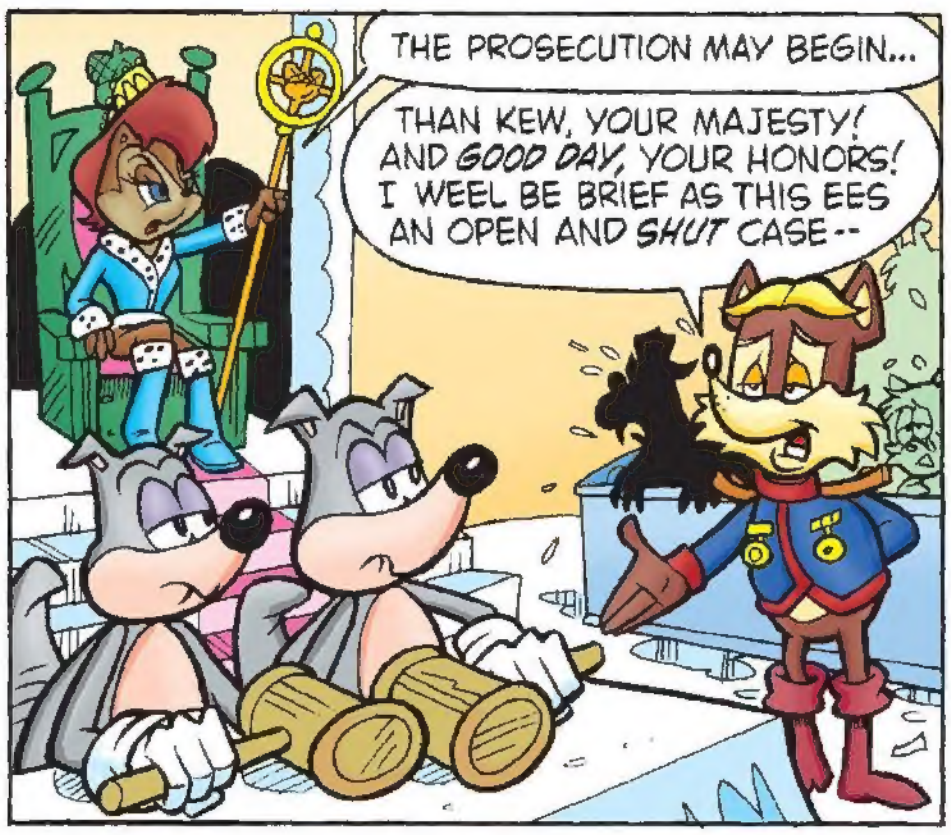
HEY! I RECOGNIZE YOU TWO FROM MY *SPINBALL* ADVENTURE!*

*ONLY TRUE BLUE SONIC FANS REMEMBER HIP & HOP FROM ISSUE #6 - EDTIOR

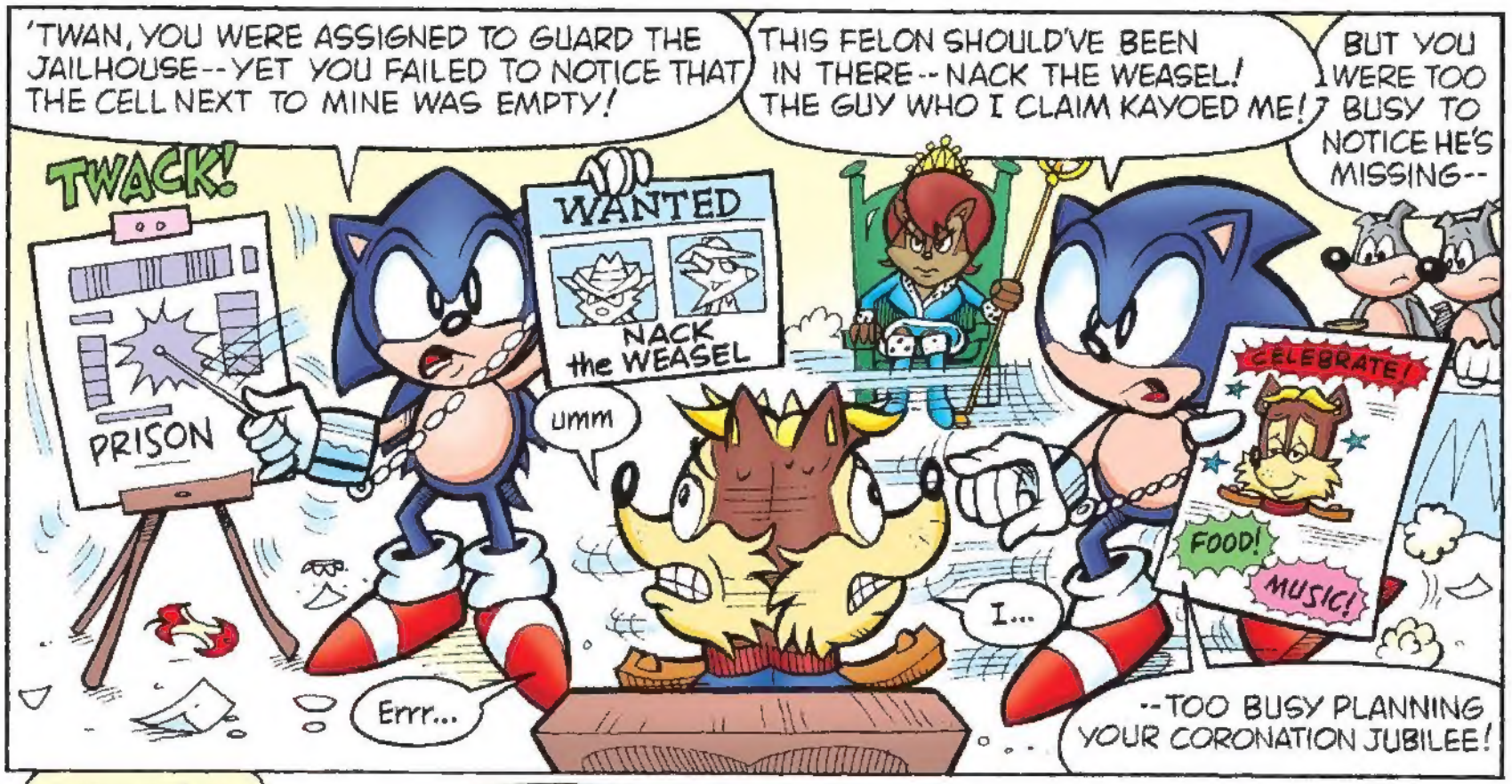


RIGHT HERE, SONIC! LET'S BEGIN, GENTLEMEN! BUNNIE RABBOT--YOU WILL GUARD THE PRISONER!
AH SHO' WILL, YOUR HIGHNESS!
COME TO ORDER!
BAM!
BAM!

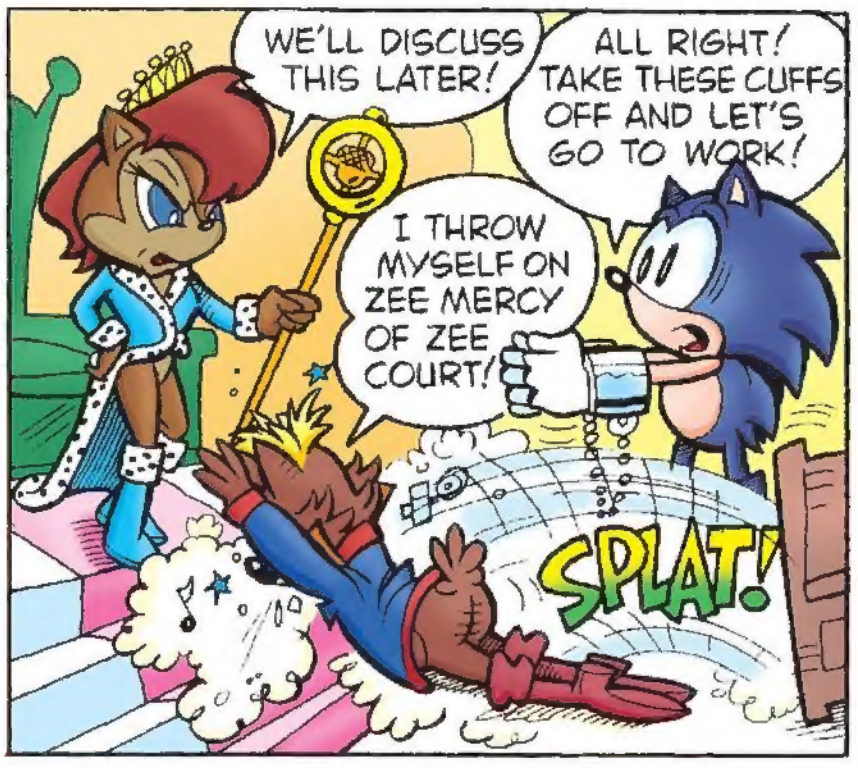




*PRONOUNCED 10-Q IN ANTOINE-ESE


'TWAN, YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE JAILHOUSE--YET YOU FAILED TO NOTICE THAT THE CELL NEXT TO MINE WAS EMPTY!
THIS FELON SHOULD'VE BEEN IN THERE--NACK THE WEASEL! THE GUY WHO I CLAIM KAYOED ME!
BUT YOU WERE TOO BUSY TO NOTICE HE'S MISSING--
TWACK!
PRISON
WANTED
NACK the WEASEL
umm
Errr...
I...
CELEBRATE!
FOOD!
MUSIC!
--TOO BUSY PLANNING YOUR CORONATION JUBILEE!

ANTOINE! IS THIS TRUE?
WELL...YOU SEE, YOUR HIGHNESS... ⁼ahem⁼ THERE EES A LOT TO DO... RENT A TUX...⁼gulp⁼ PICK HORS D'OUEVRES...


WE'LL DISCUSS THIS LATER!
ALL RIGHT! TAKE THESE CUFFS OFF AND LET'S GO TO WORK!
I THROW MYSELF ON ZEE MERCY OF ZEE COURT!
SPLAT!

SORRY, SONIC... ANTOINE MAY HAVE *MISBEHAVED*, BUT THIS TRIAL IS ABOUT *YOU*, NOT HIM! THE KANGAROO COURT JUDGES WILL NOW CAST THEIR VOTES...
WOT?
CALM DOWN, SUGAH...
GUILTY
GUILTY
?

BACK OFF, BUNNIE! I COULD'VE SHREDDED THESE CUFFS ANYTIME, SEE?
WHAT AH SEE IS SOMEONE ASKIN' FOR A WHIPPIN'!
VZZZZTK!
CH-CHOK!

BOTH OF YOU CALM DOWN! THIS WHOLE TRIAL HAS EVERYONE ON EDGE! THE *VERDICT* IS IN!
WELL IT'S *WRONG*! AND I'LL PROVE IT!

LOOK, SAL... I KNOW I'M *BRASH* AT TIMES, BUT I'M THE MOST *LOYAL* FREEDOM FIGHTER YOU'VE GOT! GIVE ME TIME TO *VINDICATE* MYSELF... *PLEASE*!
I... I COULD DELAY SENTENCING FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS...
...BUT THAT'S ALL YOU GET.

THAT'S GREAT! ONE NIGHT'S ALL I NEED!
JUST, REMEMBER... AFTER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, SENTENCE WILL BE CARRIED OUT! ROTOR -- HAVE YOU GOT ONE OF THOSE WRISTLOCK TRACKER DEVICES?
RIGHT HERE, PRINCESS!

SNAP IT ON SO WE CAN *MONITOR* YOUR WHEREABOUTS! BE BACK AT DAWN... AND GOOD LUCK, SONIC!
SO SAY WE ALL!
THANKS, BUT I DON'T NEED *LUCK*... JUST *FREEDOM* TO MOVE!
CLIQUE!
koff
Achoo
VAROOM!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN COURT-MARTIAL PART III

HAS BEEN SPOTTED ON THE EDGE OF THE BADLAND MOUNTAINS.

SO HE IS *ALIVE*... AND BACK TO NORMAL! WHAT'S HE DOING UP IN THAT DESERTED ---> tsk! ← IS THIS REMOTE CAM MONITOR THE *ONLY THING* THAT WORKS AROUND HERE?

PASSWORD NOT READ

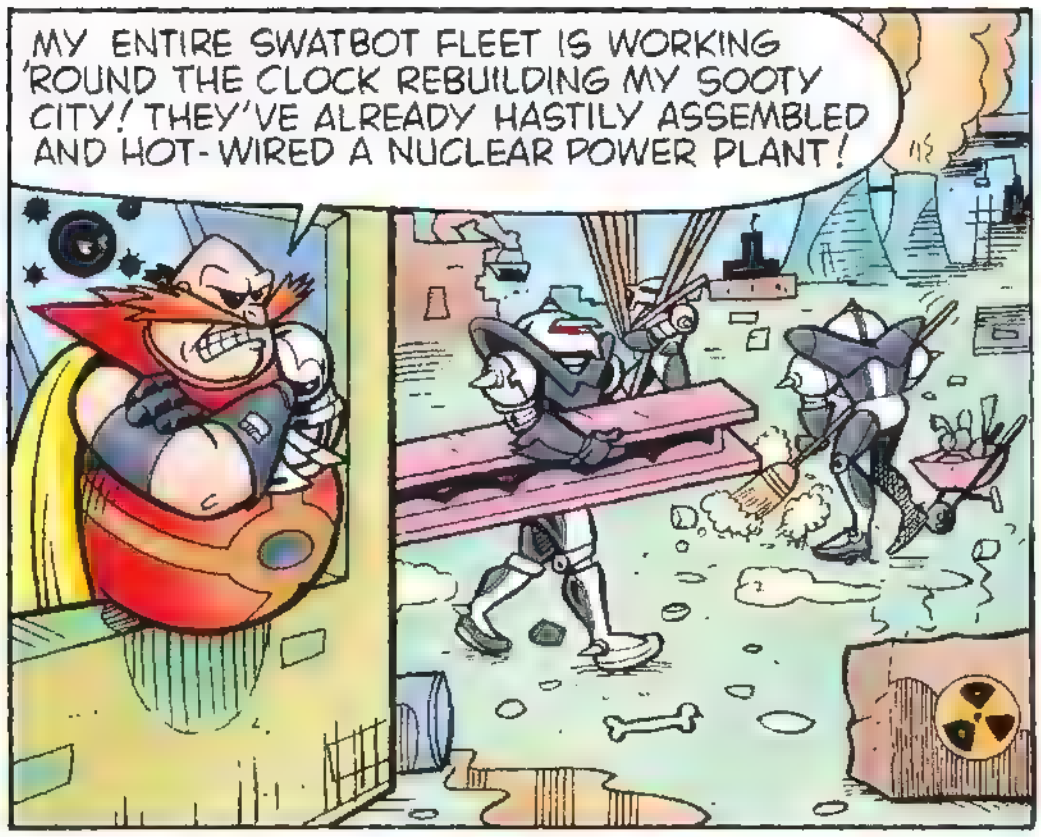
NO DATA

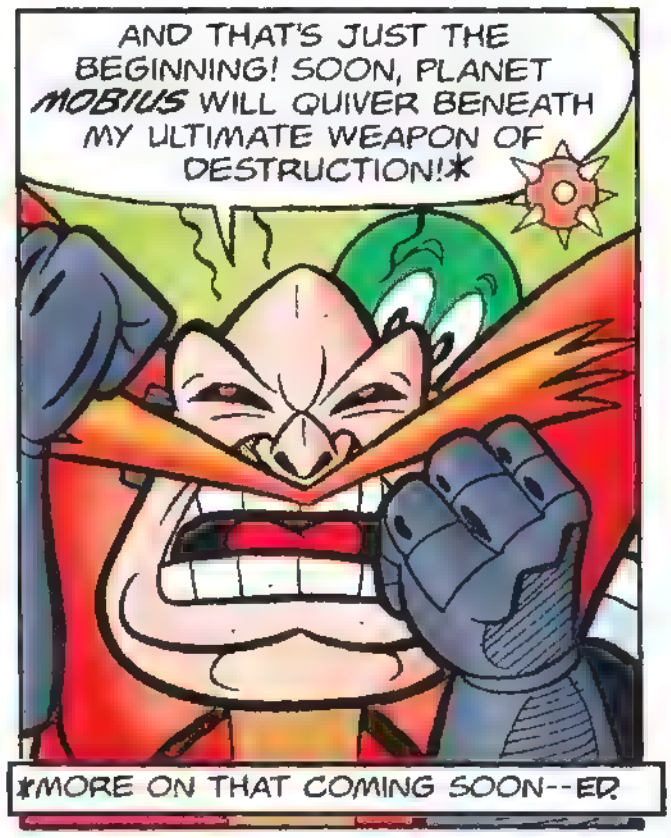
INOPERATIVE

EVER SINCE THOSE BOMBS WENT OFF IN ROBOTROPOLIS* MY SUPER COMPUTERS HAVE BEEN OFF-LINE!

CURSES! IT WAS ALL WORKING OUT SO WELL! MECHA-SONIC WAS MY SLAVE...

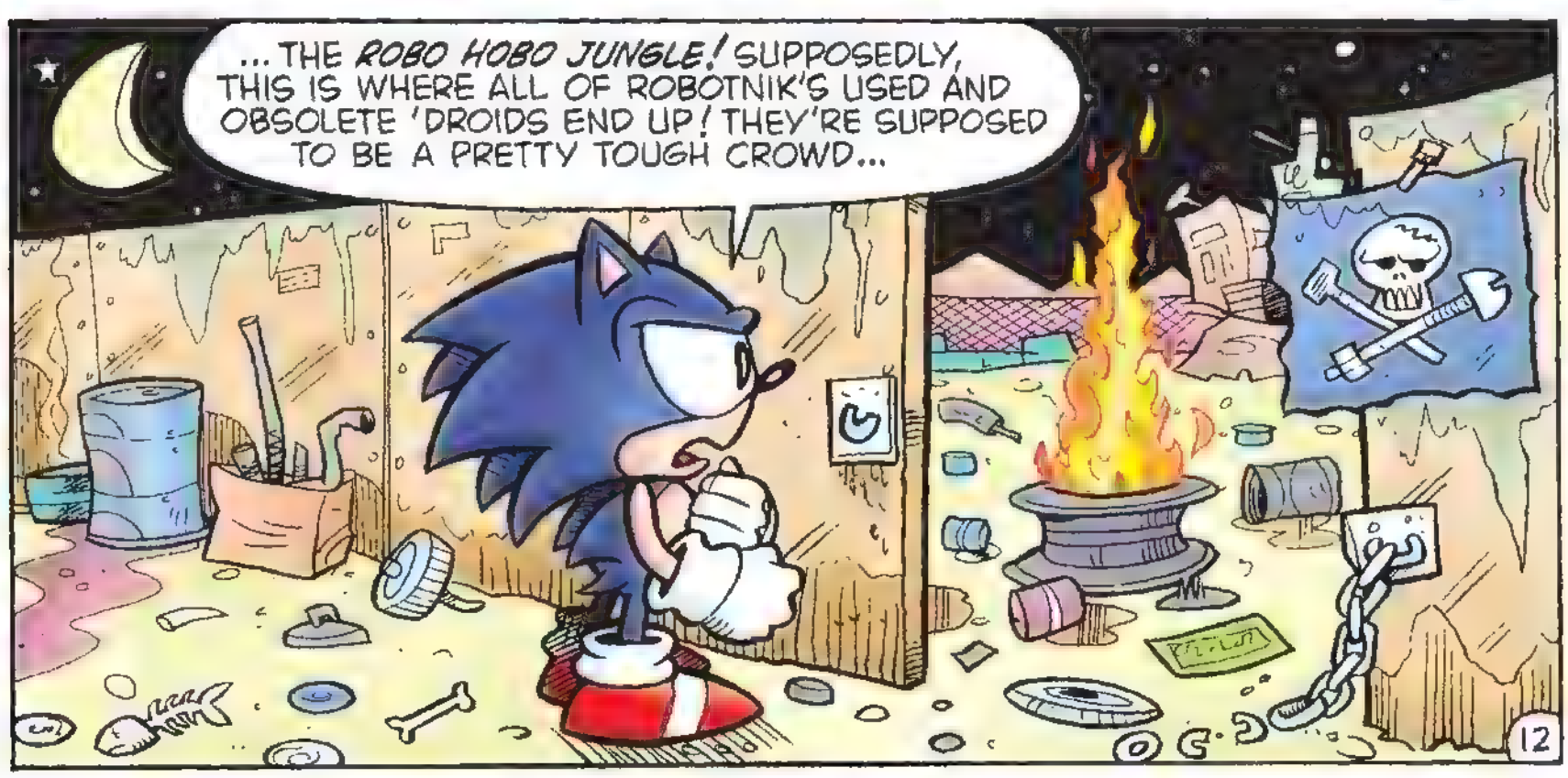
I MUST GIVE THE LITTLE PRINCESS CREDIT...ROBOTICIZING KNUCKLES WAS A BRILLIANT TACTICAL MOVE...ONE SHE'LL SOON PAY FOR!


MY ENTIRE SWATBOT FLEET IS WORKING 'ROUND THE CLOCK REBUILDING MY SOOTY CITY! THEY'VE ALREADY HASTILY ASSEMBLED AND HOT-WIRED A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT!


AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING! SOON, PLANET MOBIUS WILL QUIVER BENEATH MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION!*
*MORE ON THAT COMING SOON--ED.

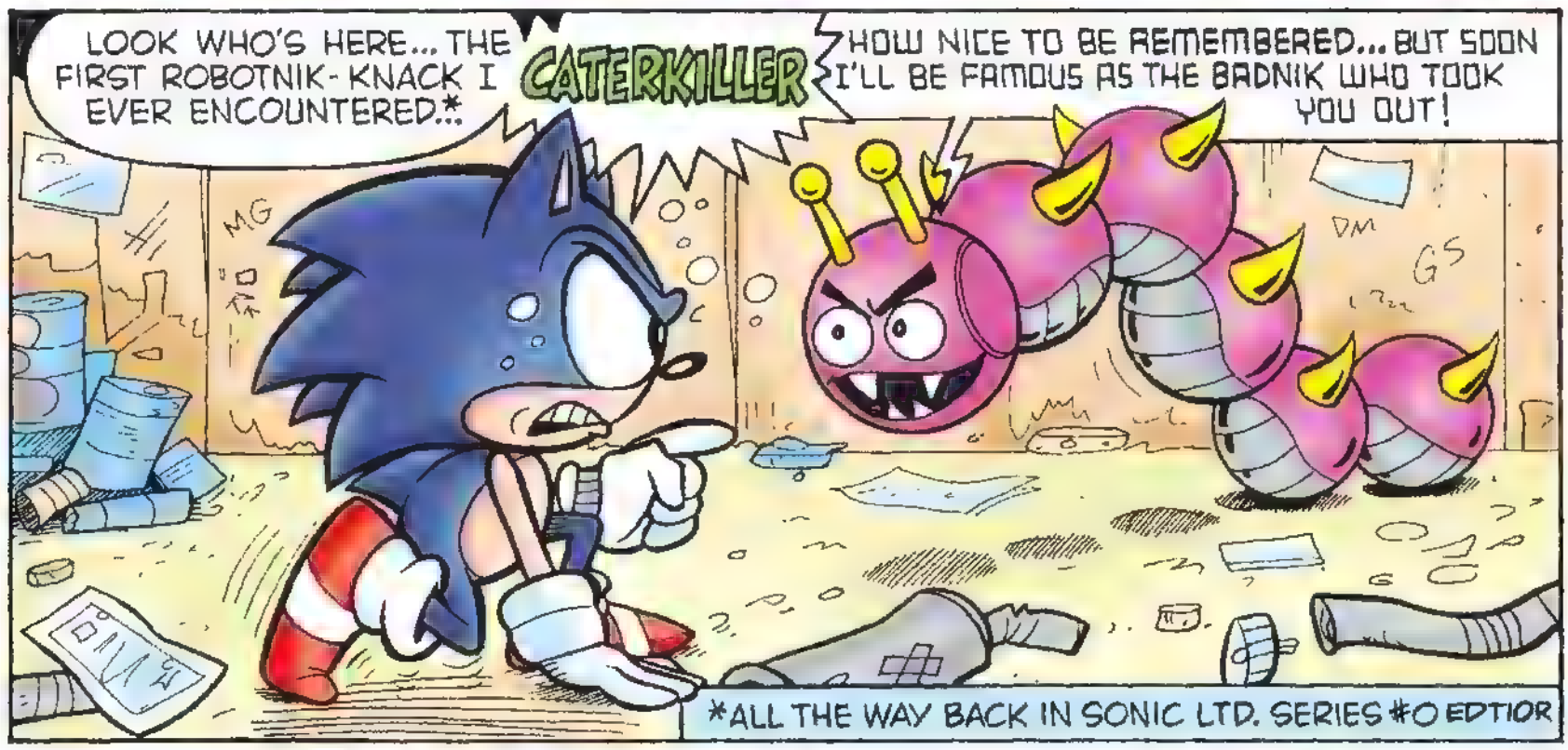
WELL, IF THE COMPUTER WON'T TRIANGULATE HIS POSITION, I'LL DO IT MANUALLY... Hmmm--DO YOU SEE WHAT I DO, ORBINAUT?
YES, MY LORD OF LARD...
MAP MOBIUS

chuckle NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT HEDGEHOG ANYMORE IF HE GOES THERE!
HE'LL NEVER SURVIVE...


...THE ROBO HOBO JUNGLE! SUPPOSEDLY, THIS IS WHERE ALL OF ROBOTNIK'S USED AND OBSOLETE 'DROIDS END UP! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A PRETTY TOUGH CROWD...

WELL, ALL THEY'VE GOTTA DO IS GIVE ME SOME *INFORMATION* AND NO ONE GETS HURT...

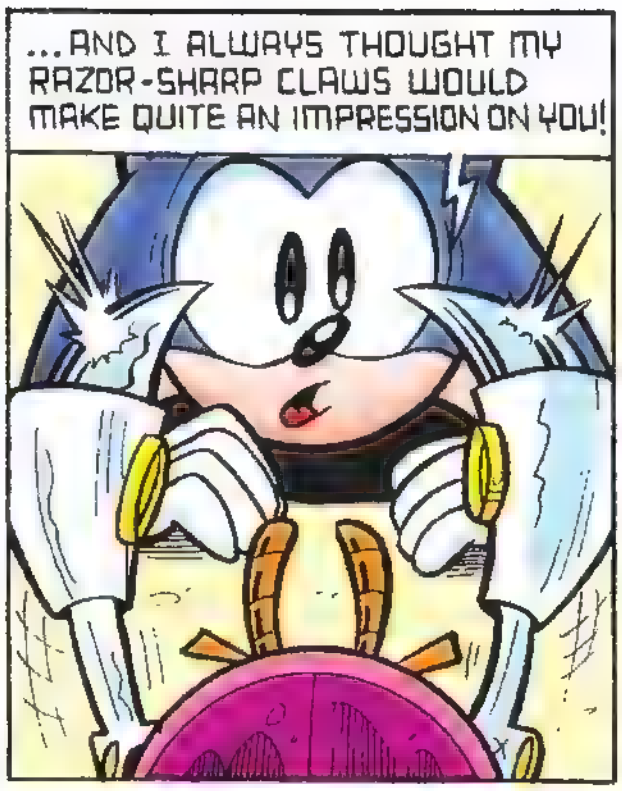
urg!
WHAM!
I BEG TO DIFFER... SOMEONE'S GETTING HURT... YOU!


LOOK WHO'S HERE... THE FIRST ROBOTNIK-KNACK I EVER ENCOUNTERED.*
CATERKILLER
HOW NICE TO BE REMEMBERED... BUT SOON I'LL BE FAMOUS AS THE BADNIK WHO TOOK YOU OUT!
*ALL THE WAY BACK IN SONIC LTD. SERIES #0 EDTIOR

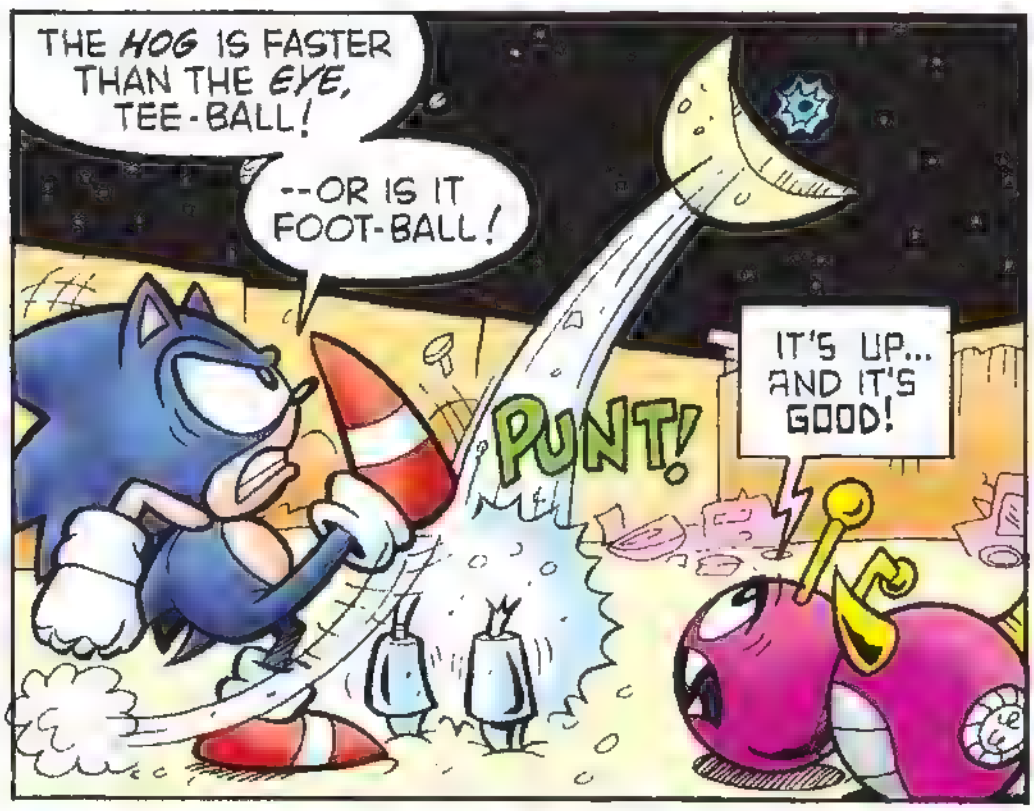
SORRY, BUT I NEVER DATE ANYONE FROM WORK... I HOPE THIS *REJECTION* DOESN'T MAKE YOU GO TO *PIECES!*
VZZZZ!
A SONIC SPIN-- SEGMENTING ME!

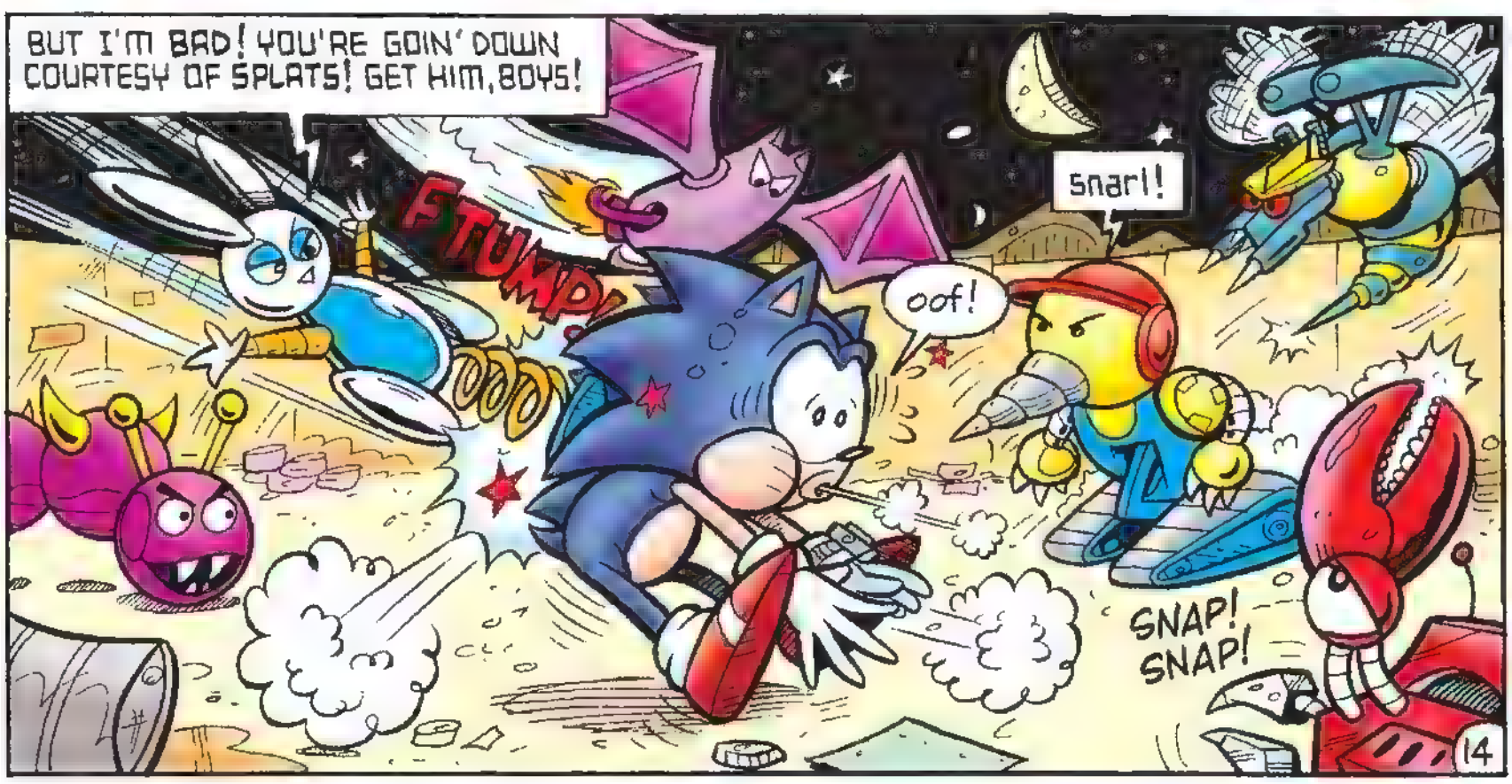
YOU RECALL ME, DON'T YOU?
WOOP!
TWOK!
OW! BAT-BRAIN!

HE'S ALL YOURS, MOTO-BUG!
THANKS FOR DROPPING IN, SONIC...I NEVER DID GET A GOOD SHOT AT YOU IN THE OLD DAYS...
THUD!
urgh!


...AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT MY RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS WOULD MAKE QUITE AN IMPRESSION ON YOU!

YOU'RE HISTORY, HEDGE-HUH?
LUNGE!
K-CHUNK!
WHERE'D HE GO?

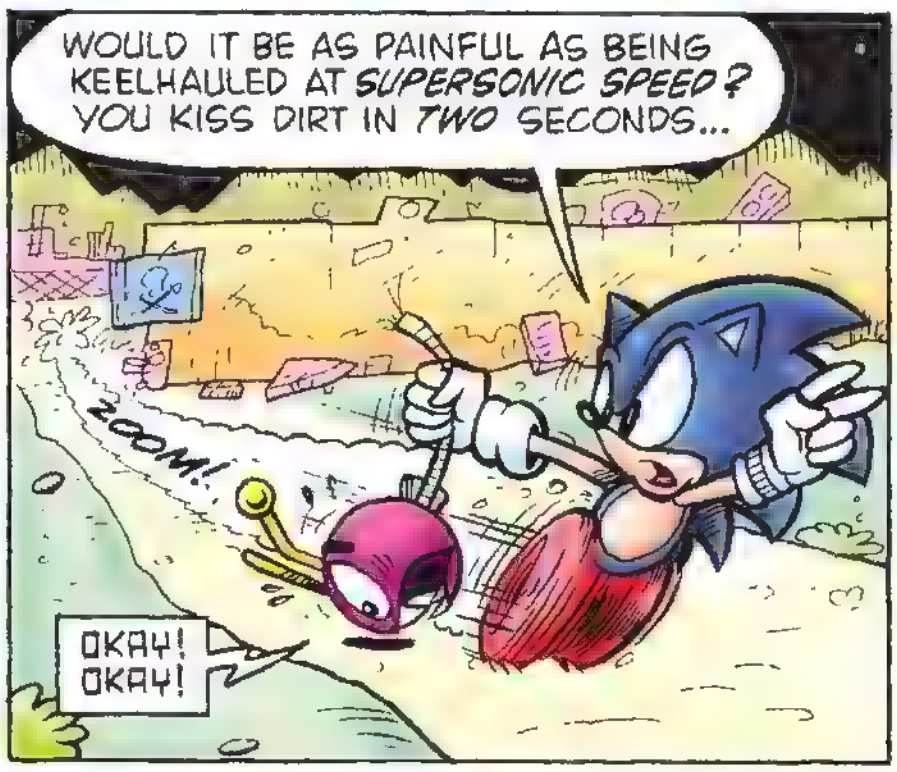

THE HOG IS FASTER THAN THE EYE, TEE-BALL!
--OR IS IT FOOT-BALL!
PUNT!
IT'S UP... AND IT'S GOOD!

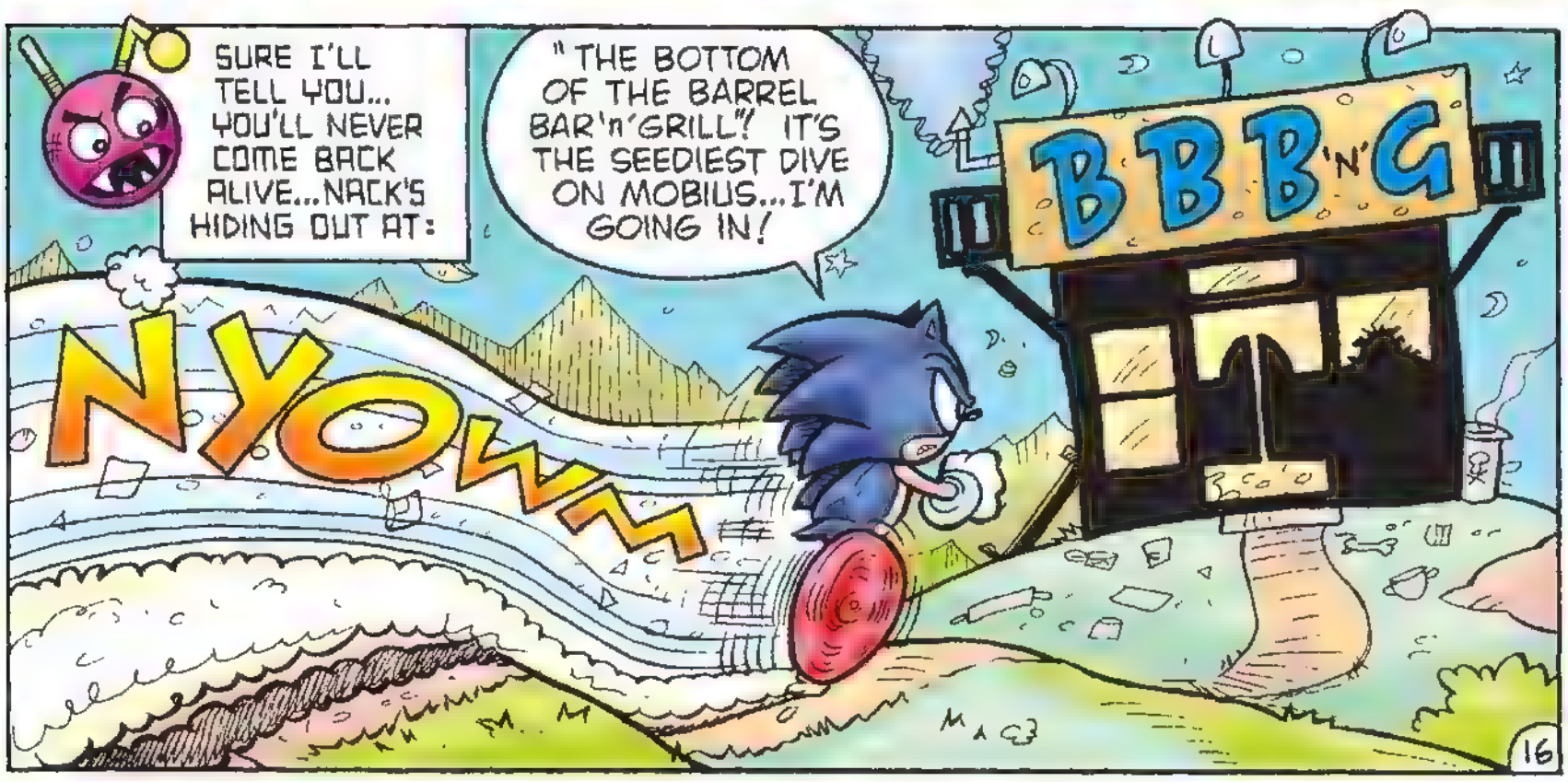

BUT I'M BAD! YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN COURTESY OF SPLATS! GET HIM, BOYS!
FTUMP
snarl!
oof!
SNAP! SNAP!

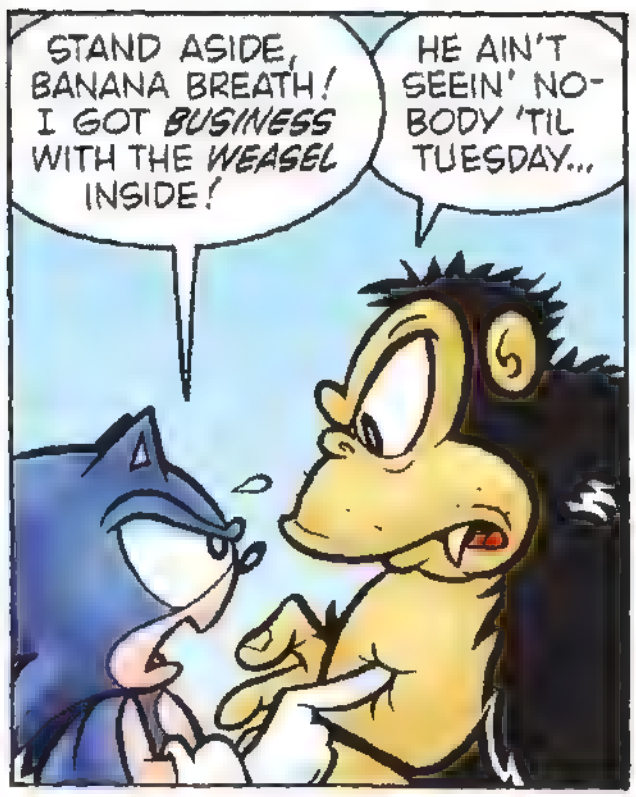
BONUS
PIN-UP PAGE!
SONIC
VERSUS THE
CLASSIC
BADNIKS!

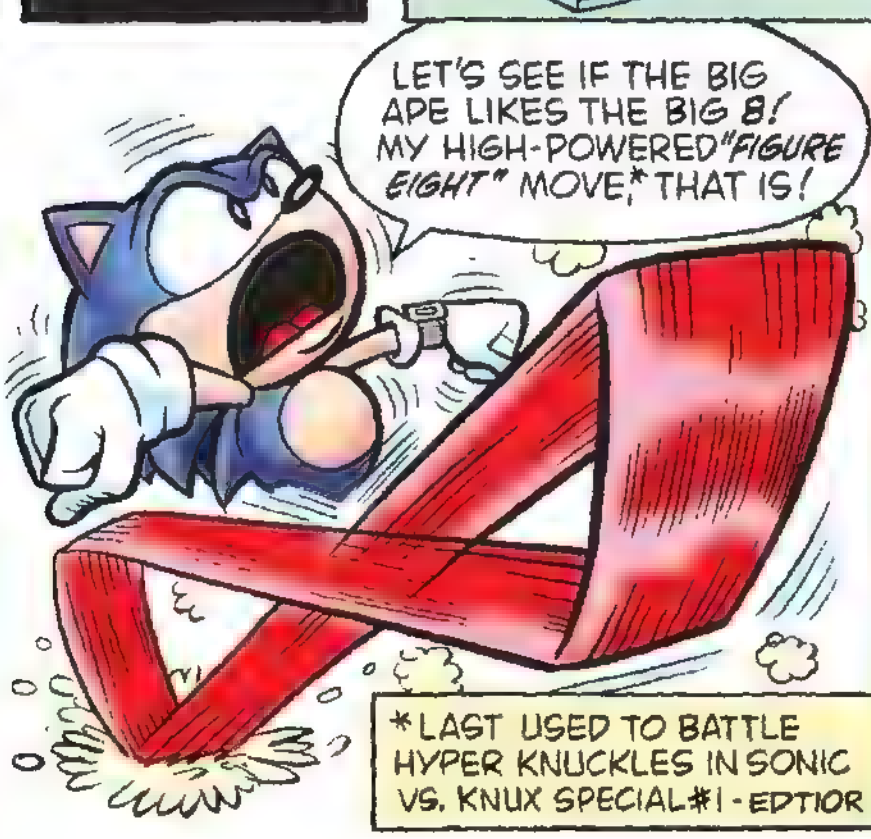
NOW YOU'RE NOT "CLASSIC"... YOU'RE JUST PLAIN "SICK"! AND IT'S GONNA GET WORSE UNLESS ONE OF YOU *CANARIES* DECIDES TO SING!

NO MAS! NO MAS!.. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?









*LAST USED TO BATTLE HYPER KNUCKLES IN SONIC VS. KNUX SPECIAL #1 - EDTIOR

Whooookah!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
EXIT
IT'S ALMOST DAWN... MY TIME'S RUNNING OUT! NO MORE *MONKEYING* AROUND!
UH-OH!
SKRASK!
WOT DA--?!

ALL YOU LOWLIFES HIT THE ROAD... EXCEPT YOU, NACK! UP AGAINST THE WALL!
EXIT
GANGWAY!
gulp YESSIR, SONIC! WHATEVER YOU SAY! I GOT MY GLOVES IN THE AIR!

OF COURSE, THEY'RE ON STICKS! MY *HANDS* ARE DOWN HERE, HOLDING MY GAS GUN!
ghack!
PSH!

N-NUH-NO... NUH-NOT A-AGain...
HAW! I'M JUST *TOO* SMART FOR YA, BLUEBOY!
PLOP!

ook?
THE GORILLA'S COMING TO... AND HE'LL TAKE CARE OF SONIC... BUT JUST IN CASE, I'M *BLOWIN'* THIS POPSTAND--ON MY ION-POWERED SKY SLED!

AND JUST TO MAKE DOUBLE SURE, I'LL GIVE OLD *BLUBBERBOLTS* A CALL...
NUMBER PLEASE...
BBB'N'G
WWWOOOSH!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN COURT-MARTIAL PART IV

INCAPACITATED? IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID?

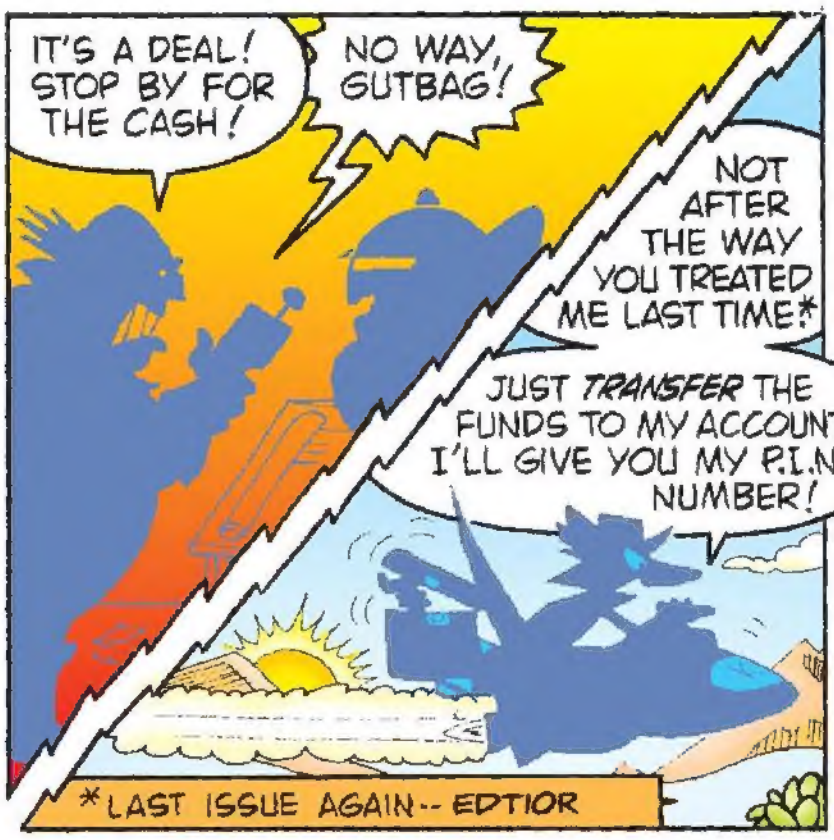
YES, SIRE! A MESSAGE IS COMING IN ON THIS OLD HAND-HELD UNIT!

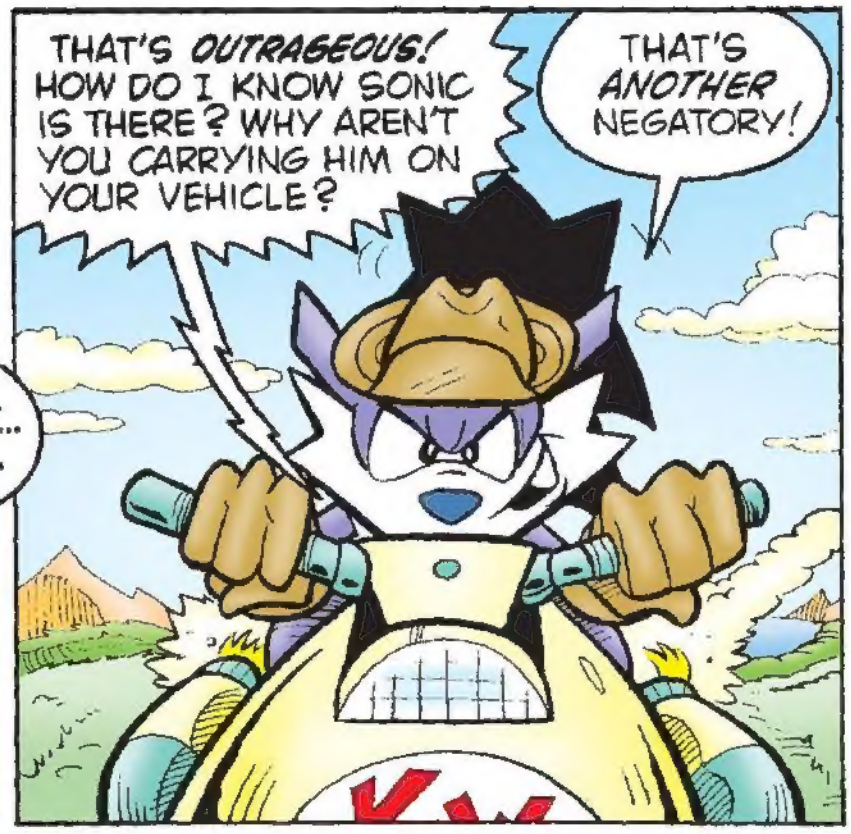
TOXIC DUMP PLANS

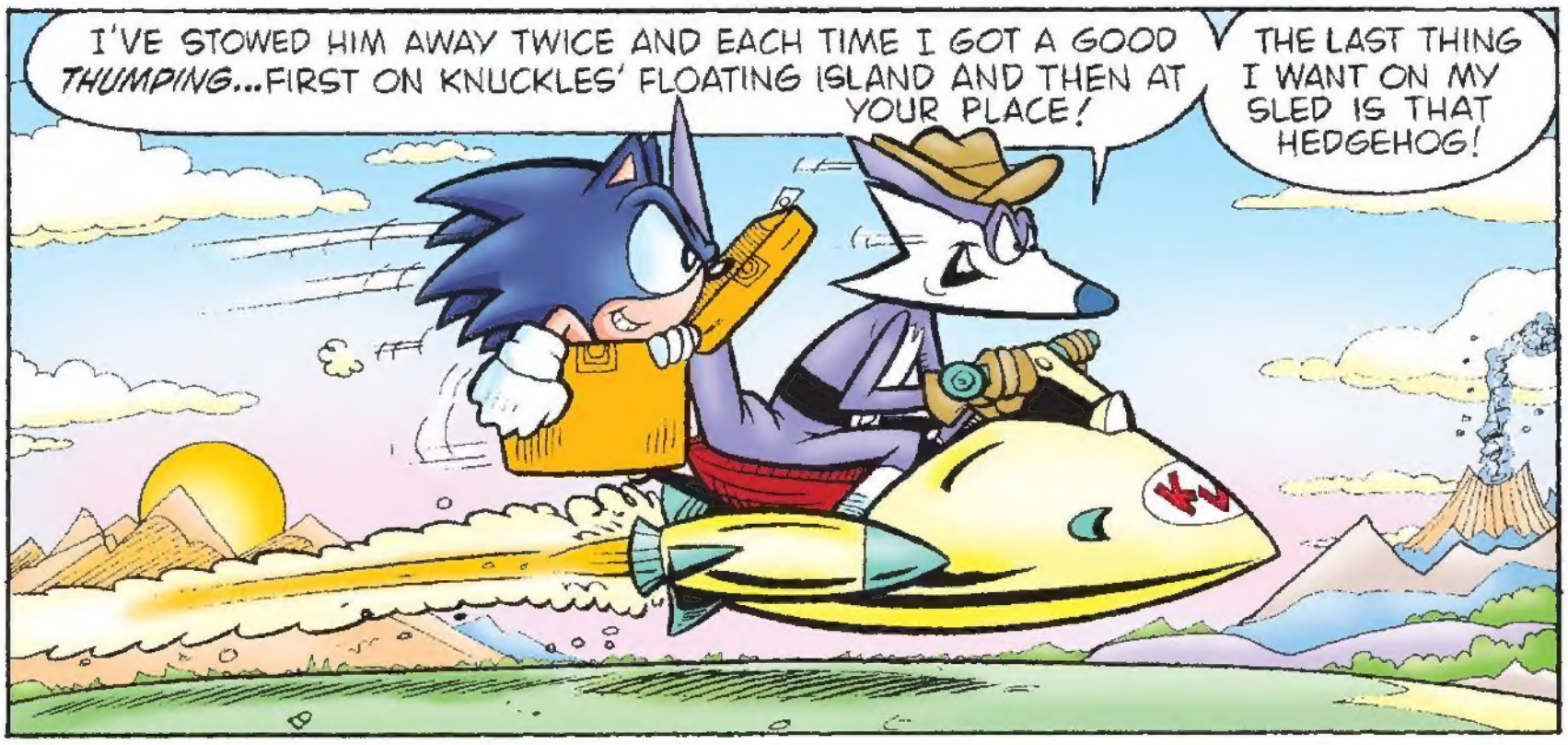
HELLO, CHUBSY UBSY!

I KNOW THAT VOICE... NACK THE WEASEL! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? NO GOOD, I ASSUME!

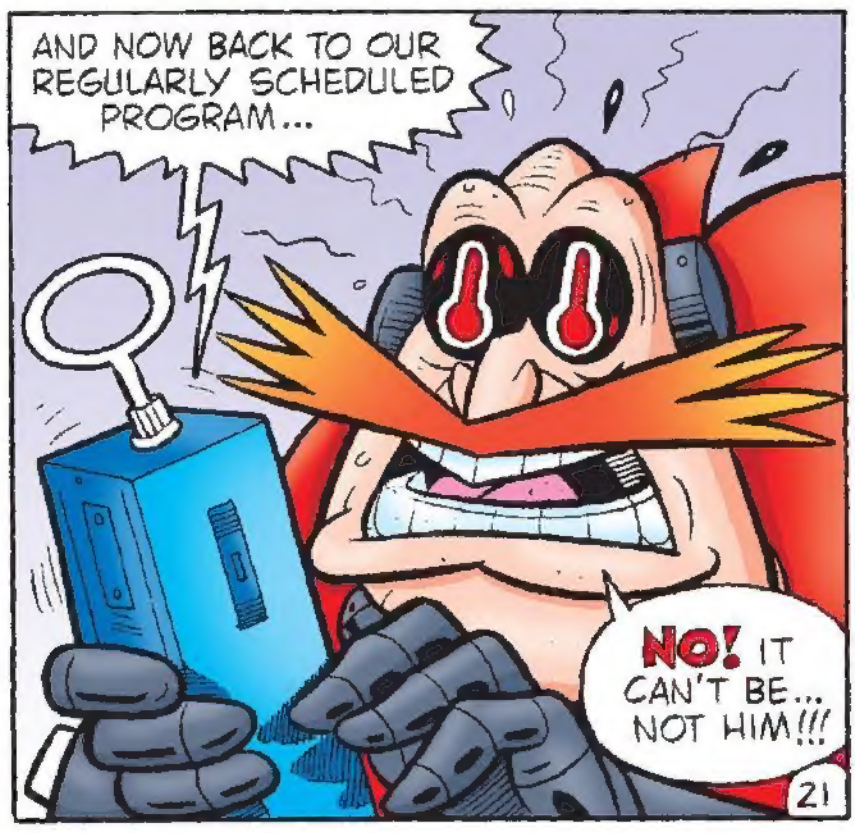
THIS IS A ONE-TIME-ONLY *SUNRISE* SPECIAL, BIG BOY! TWO MILLION SMACKERS FOR THE LOCATION OF UNCONSCIOUS SONIC!


IT'S A DEAL! STOP BY FOR THE CASH!
NO WAY, GUTBAG!
NOT AFTER THE WAY YOU TREATED ME LAST TIME*
JUST TRANSFER THE FUNDS TO MY ACCOUNT... I'LL GIVE YOU MY P.I.N. NUMBER!
*LAST ISSUE AGAIN-- EDTIOR


THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS! HOW DO I KNOW SONIC IS THERE? WHY AREN'T YOU CARRYING HIM ON YOUR VEHICLE?
THAT'S ANOTHER NEGATORY!


I'VE STOWED HIM AWAY TWICE AND EACH TIME I GOT A GOOD THUMPING...FIRST ON KNUCKLES' FLOATING ISLAND AND THEN AT YOUR PLACE!
THE LAST THING I WANT ON MY SLED IS THAT HEDGEHOG!

THUMP!
WHAT WAS THAT LAST THING YOU SAID, NACK?
SOUNDED LIKE "THUMP"!


AND NOW BACK TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAM...
NO! IT CAN'T BE... NOT HIM!!!

I HATE YOU, HEDGEHOG!
CALM DOWN, TUBBY! I'M HERE TO DISCUSS YOUR INSURANCE...
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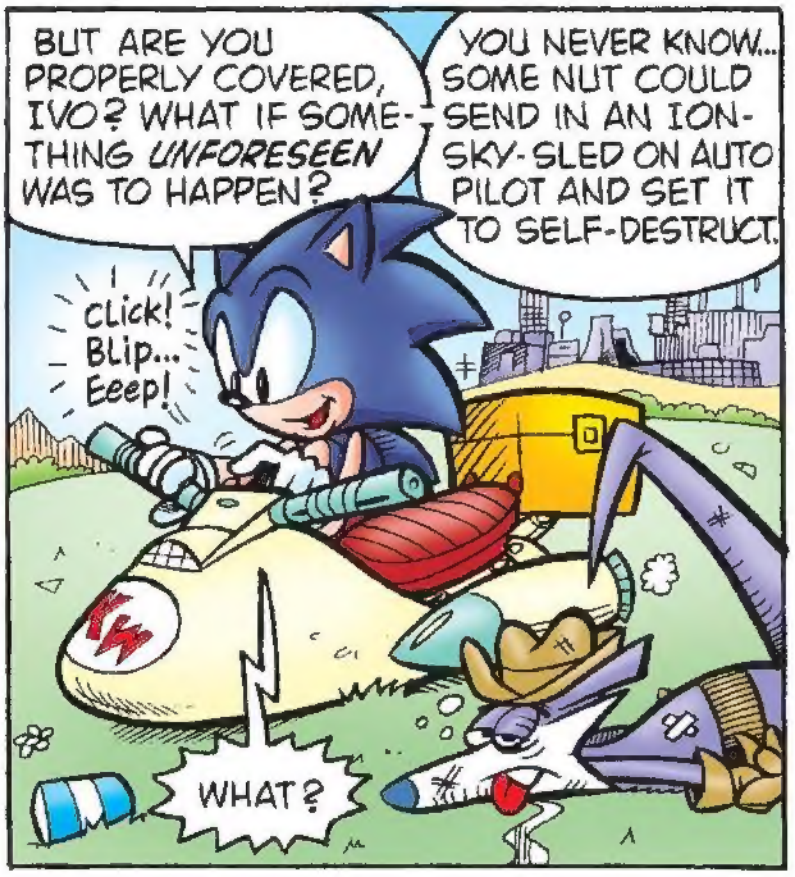
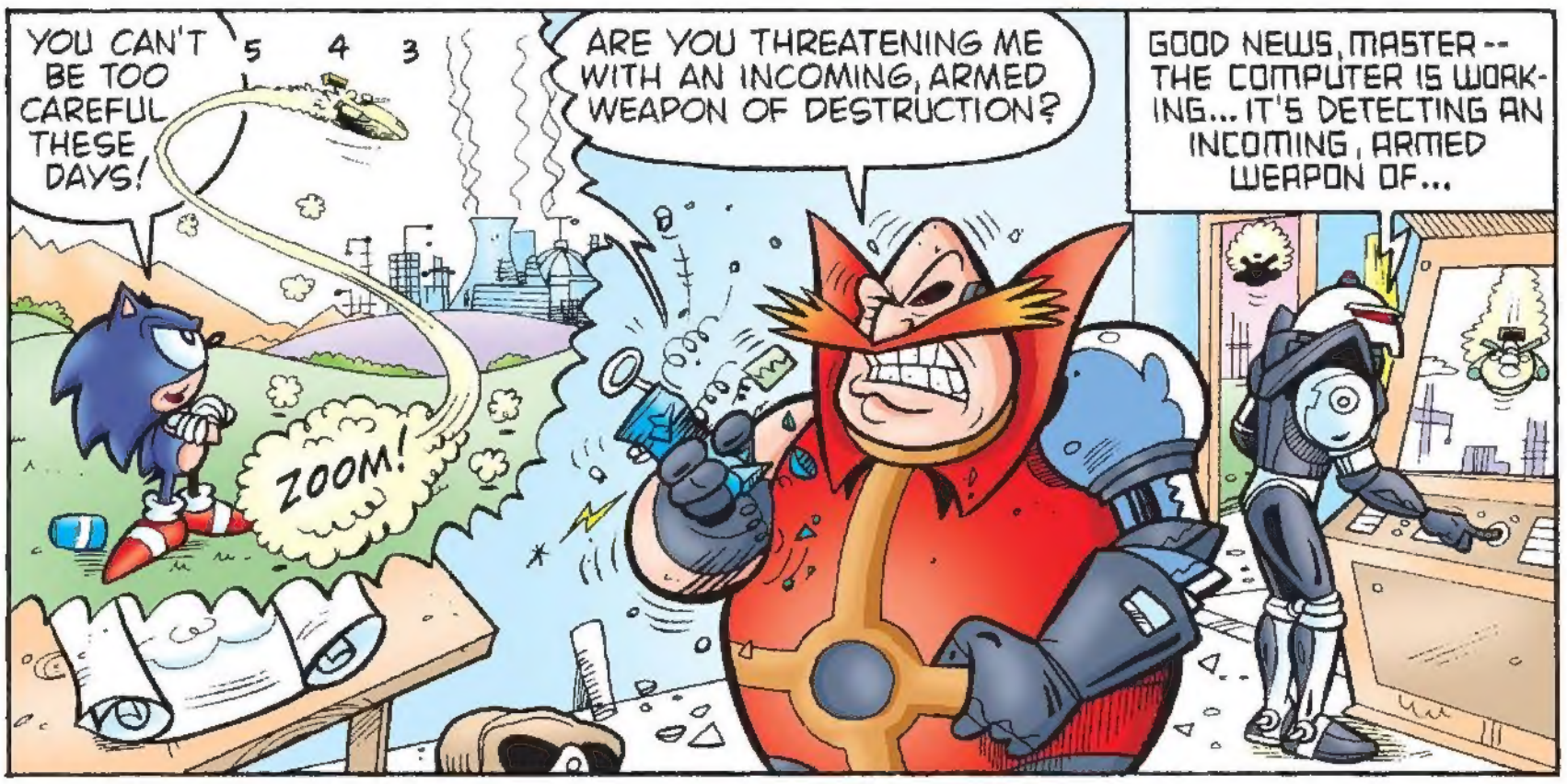
BOOP
CRUNCH!
I NOTICE YOU'VE BEEN REBUILDING ROBOTROPOLIS--


BUT ARE YOU PROPERLY COVERED, IVO? WHAT IF SOMETHING *UNFORESEEN* WAS TO HAPPEN?
YOU NEVER KNOW... SOME NUT COULD SEND IN AN ION-SKY-SLED ON AUTO PILOT AND SET IT TO SELF-DESTRUCT.
Click! Blip... Eeep!
WHAT?


YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL THESE DAYS!
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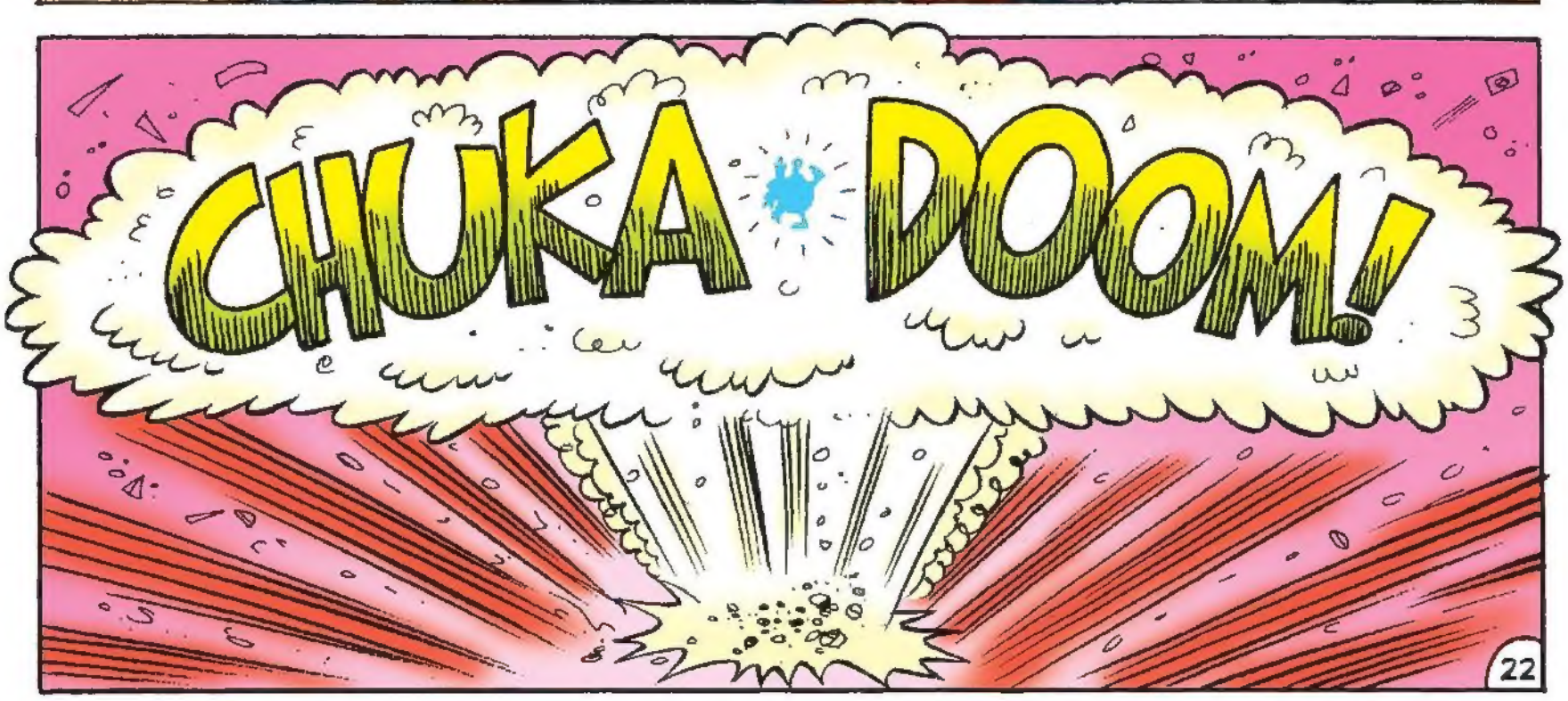
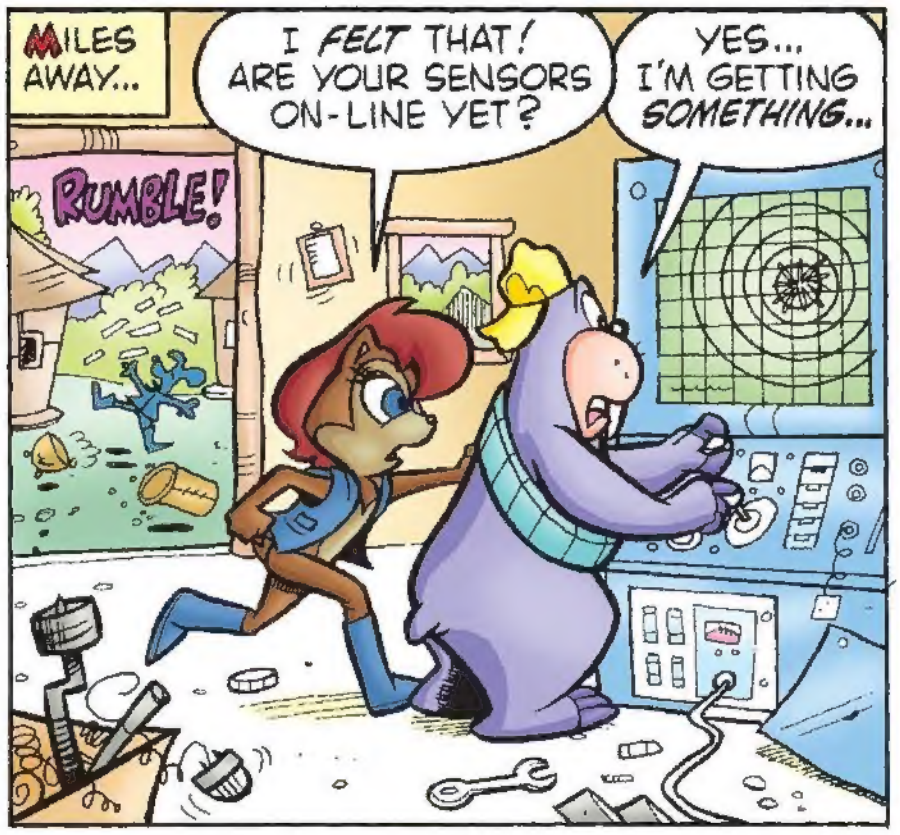
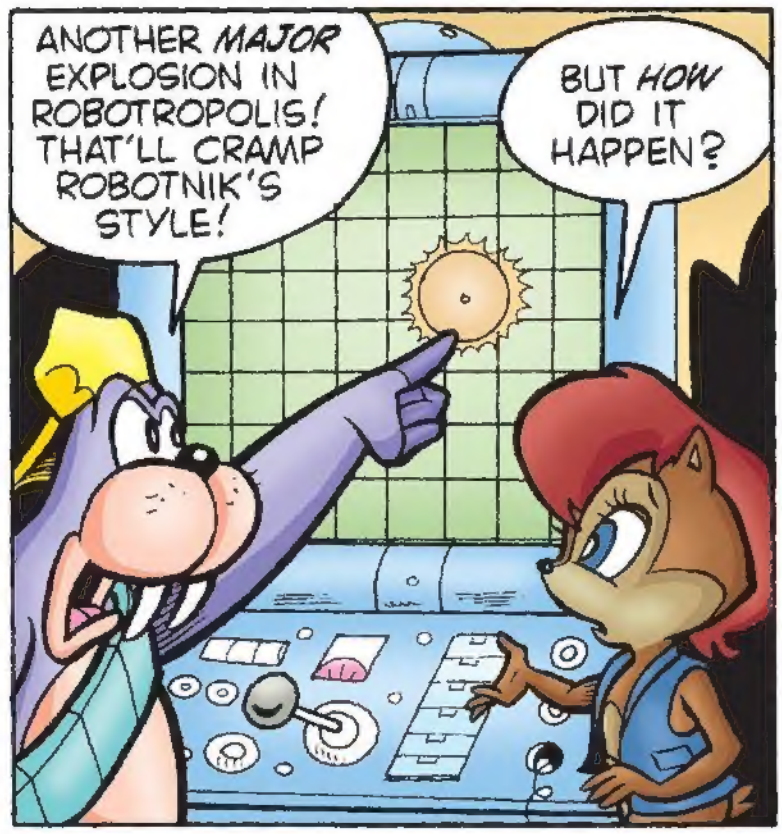
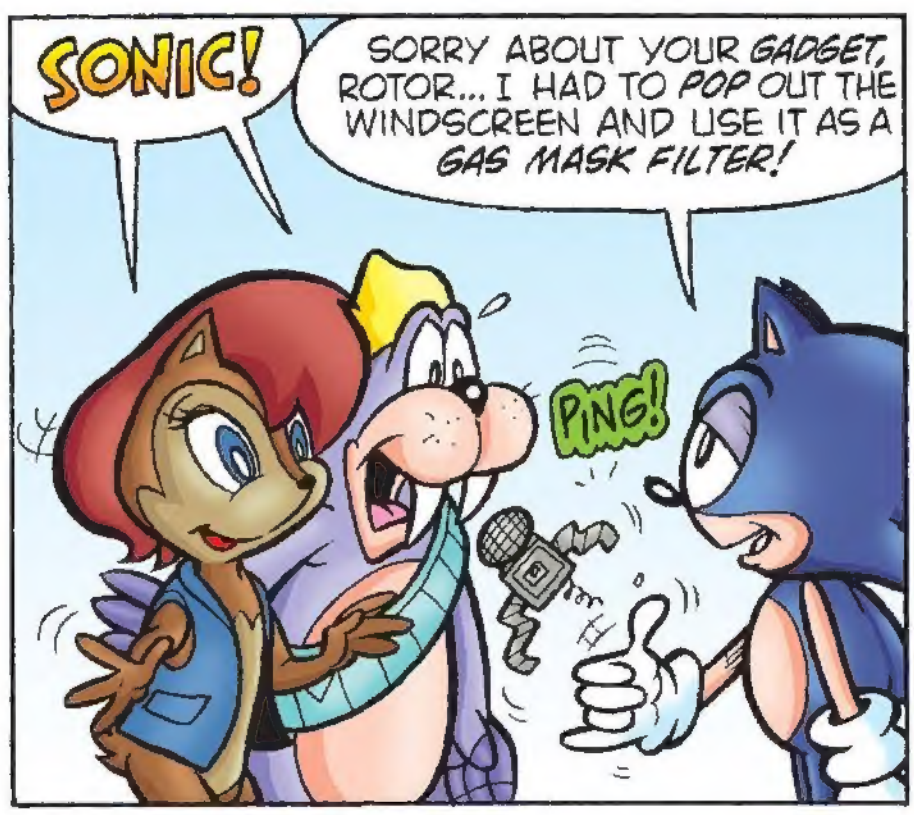
ZOOM!
ARE YOU THREATENING ME WITH AN INCOMING, ARMED WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION?
GOOD NEWS, MASTER -- THE COMPUTER IS WORKING... IT'S DETECTING AN INCOMING, ARMED WEAPON OF...

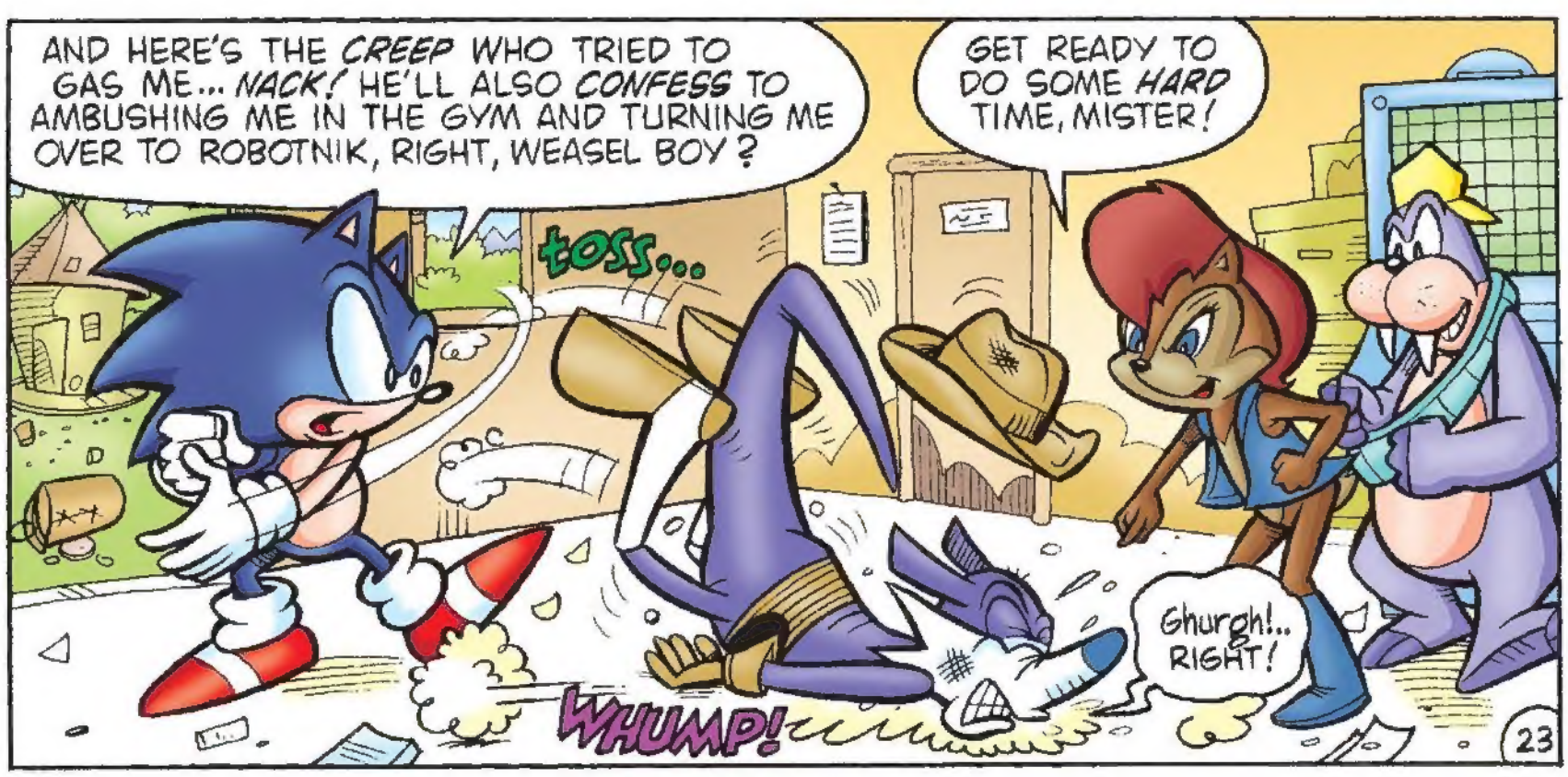

CHUKA DOOM!

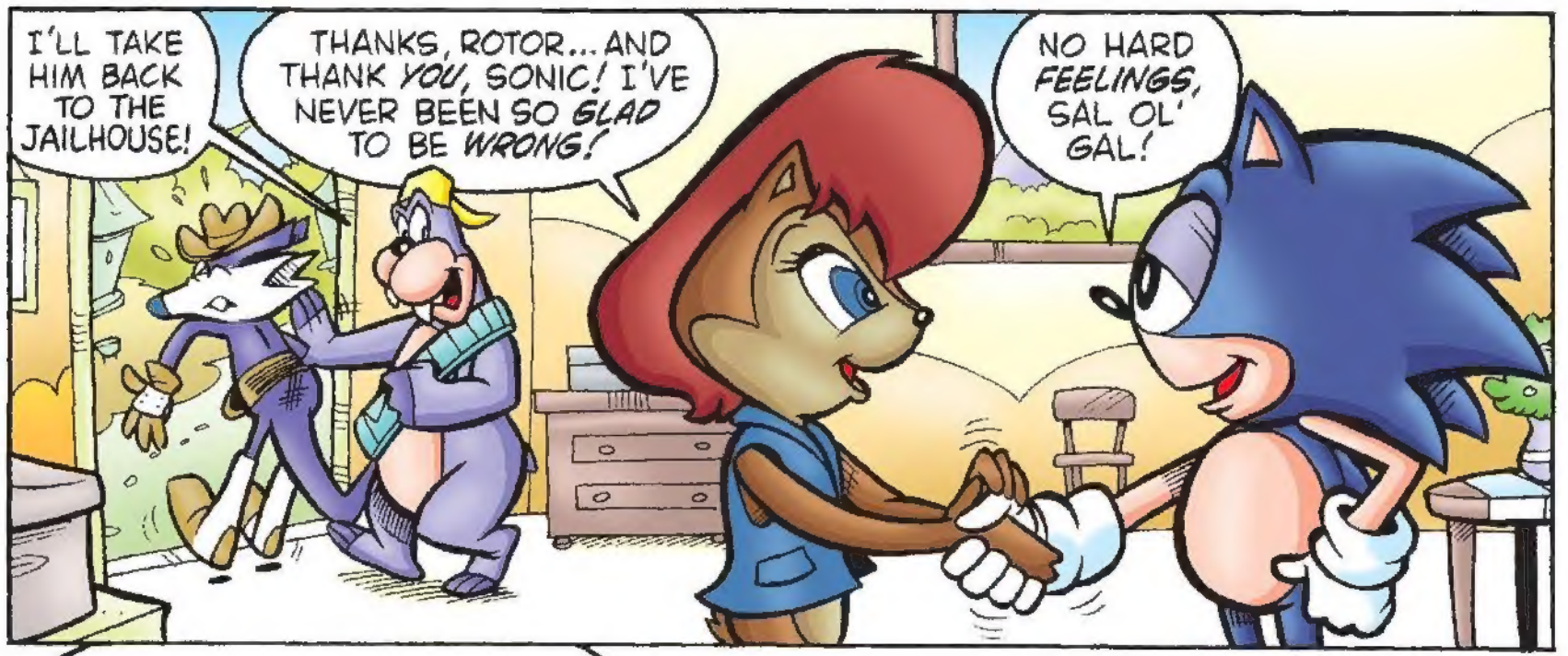

MILES AWAY...
I FELT THAT! ARE YOUR SENSORS ON-LINE YET?
YES... I'M GETTING SOMETHING...
RUMBLE!


ANOTHER MAJOR EXPLOSION IN ROBOTROPOLIS! THAT'LL CRAMP ROBOTNIK'S STYLE!
BUT HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

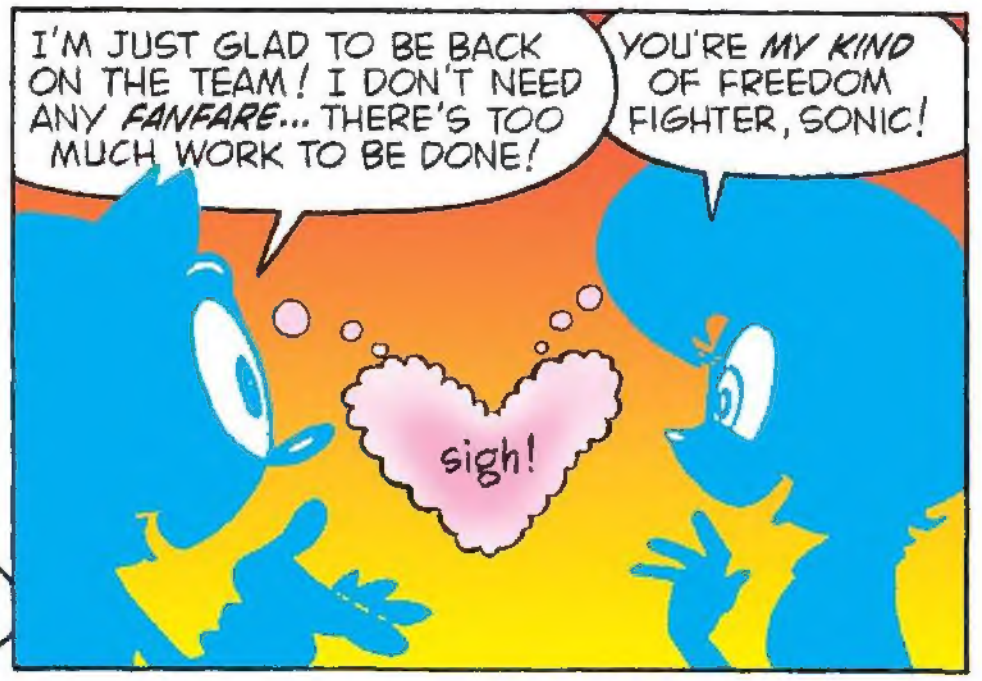
MORE IMPORTANT, THE SUN'S COMING UP-- SONIC IS DUE BACK! IS HIS WRIST TRACKER STILL TRANSMITTING?
IT WAS UNTIL A FEW MINUTES AGO WHEN THAT MASSIVE TREMOR SHOOK EVERYTHING UP!
DON'T WORRY...

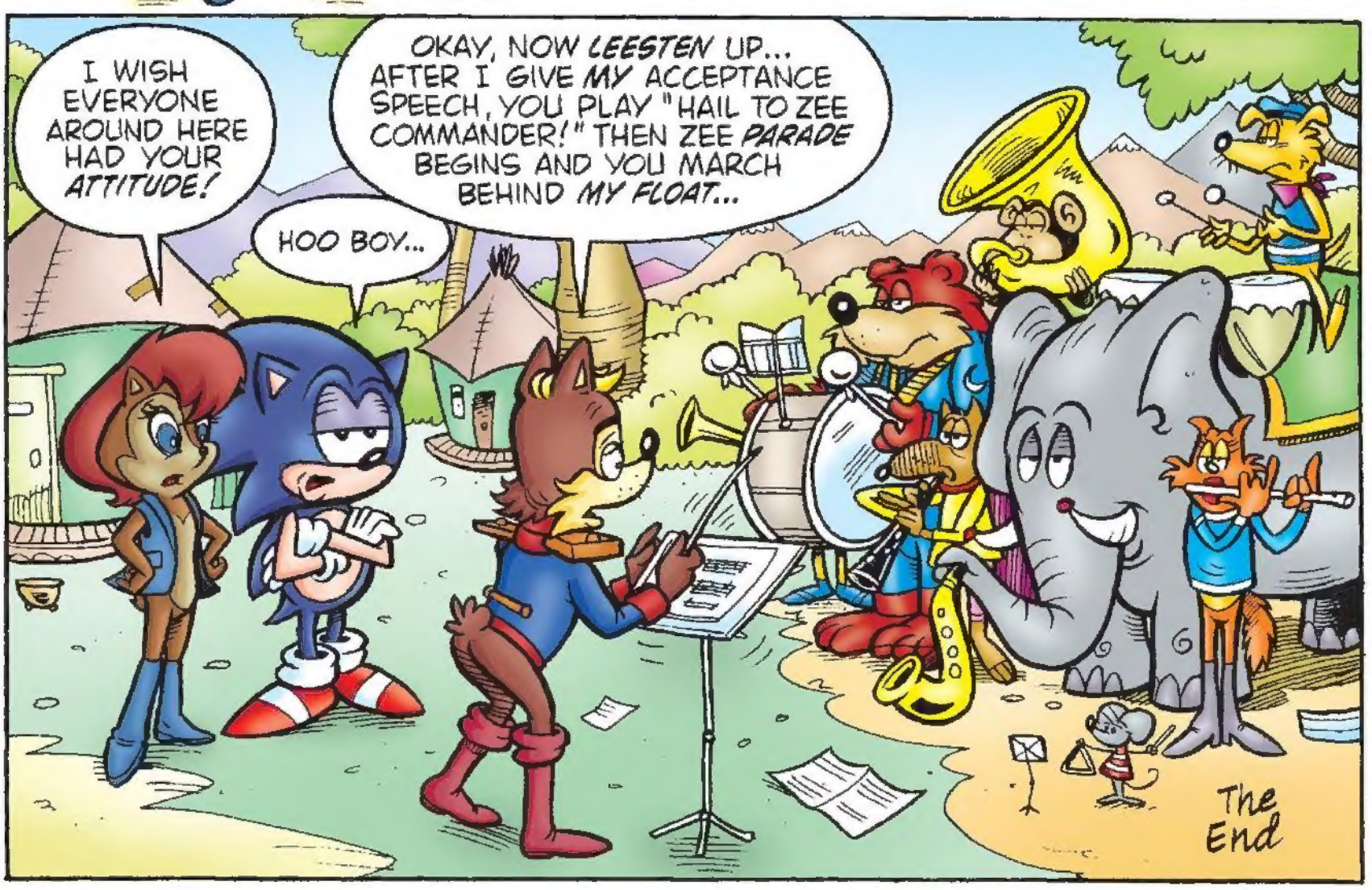

SONIC!
SORRY ABOUT YOUR GADGET, ROTOR... I HAD TO POP OUT THE WINDSCREEN AND USE IT AS A GAS MASK FILTER!
PING!


AND HERE'S THE CREEP WHO TRIED TO GAS ME... NACK! HE'LL ALSO CONFESS TO AMBUSHING ME IN THE GYM AND TURNING ME OVER TO ROBOTNIK, RIGHT, WEASEL BOY?
GET READY TO DO SOME HARD TIME, MISTER!
toss...
WHUMP!
Ghurgh!.. RIGHT!


I'LL TAKE HIM BACK TO THE JAILHOUSE!
THANKS, ROTOR... AND THANK *YOU*, SONIC! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO *GLAD* TO BE *WRONG!*
NO HARD *FEELINGS*, SAL OL' GAL!

C'MON OUTSIDE... I'LL MAKE A *PUBLIC* APOLOGY-- I'LL ANNOUNCE YOUR PARDON AND REINSTATEMENT.
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY.


I'M JUST GLAD TO BE BACK ON THE TEAM! I DON'T NEED ANY *FANFARE*... THERE'S TOO MUCH WORK TO BE DONE!
YOU'RE *MY KIND* OF FREEDOM FIGHTER, SONIC!
sigh!


I WISH EVERYONE AROUND HERE HAD YOUR *ATTITUDE!*
HOO BOY...
OKAY, NOW *LEESTEN* UP... AFTER I GIVE *MY* ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, YOU PLAY "HAIL TO ZEE COMMANDER!" THEN ZEE *PARADE* BEGINS AND YOU MARCH BEHIND *MY FLOAT*...
The End